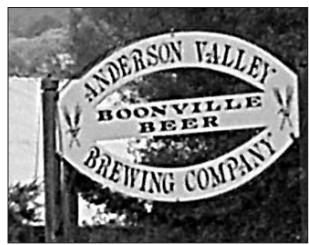




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'I can't even see my driveway. We've gotten at least two inches of snow in the last 30 minutes. West Road is completely covered.' – Redwood Valley resident RUBY RIEPENHOFF

Snowfall blankets Ukiah



Dan Delucia, left, and G Redstone take a morning walk Tuesday to enjoy the snow in Alex Thomas Plaza.

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Rain expected to keep falling through week

By ZACK SAMPSEL
The Daily Journal

Yet another batch of frigid air from the Gulf of Alaska moved into Mendocino County early Tuesday morning, bringing with it snow accumulations between one and five inches, and making the roads a wet mess for drivers.

"This cold weather system coming from the Gulf of Alaska was cold enough to bring down the snow levels to about 500 feet," National Weather Service Meteorologist Robert Ruehl said.

Downtown Ukiah was a winter wonderland Tuesday morning as snow covered lawns with accumulations around one inch. Farther north, Willits and Brooktrails residents saw totals range between two inches at 1,200 feet and

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Two-year-old Forrest Lefebvre and his mother, Emily, catch snowflakes Tuesday morning in downtown Ukiah.

New water policy to be discussed

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

The State Water Resources Control Board has scheduled a technical staff workshop in Santa Rosa next week to discuss a controversial water management policy.

A meeting to discuss Assembly Bill 2121 has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Feb. 6 and will be held at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board at 5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A, Santa Rosa.

Assembly Bill 2121, the North Coast Instream Flow Policy, passed in 2004,

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Elder care suits settled

By BEN BROWN
The Daily Journal

Sunwest Management Inc., an operator of elder care facilities that maintains a branch in Ukiah and Clearlake, has settled two class action lawsuits alleging understaffing at its facilities.

"Sunwest Management is pleased that the California and Oregon class action lawsuits have been settled," said Sunwest spokesman Steven Stradley. "Although we fundamentally disagree with the core claims of the lawsuits, we believe that resolving the matter is the right thing to do."

Attorney Stephen Garcia, who brought the lawsuit, alleged that Sunwest had deliberately understaffed its communities by forcing them to operate under budgets that increased profits by charging for services like adequate staffing.

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Gunfire leads to 2 arrests

The Daily Journal

Charges of drug possession, firearms possession and child endangerment against two Redwood Valley residents have been forwarded to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office following a search of their Webb Ranch Road Home Sunday.

According to reports from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, deputies drove out to a home in the 2800 block of Webb Ranch Road in Redwood Valley, responding to reports of gunfire in the area.

Witnesses told sheriff's deputies they had heard as many as 50 shots come from Timothy Abshire's residence.

Deputies went to Abshire's home and found several empty bullet casings and saw between 30 and 40 pounds of processed marijuana and several firearms in plain sight in the house, according to sheriff's reports.

Deputies got a search warrant for the house, seized the marijuana and several weapons. Officers also found three young children in the home.

Abshire, 28, of Redwood Valley, was arrested on two warrants and charges of possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, child endangerment and being a felon in possession of a firearm were forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for consideration.

Amanda Ashby, 32, of Redwood Valley, was arrested on suspicion of child endangerment, and charges of child endangerment against her were also forwarded to the District Attorney's Office.



Photo courtesy of Peter Armstrong

Caltrans worker Jessie Macie advises northbound traffic Highway 101 is closed on the Ridgewood Summit due to snow Tuesday morning.

Many area schools able to hold classes

Laytonville, Willits
cancel classes for day

By ROB BURGESS
The Daily Journal

Though Tuesday morning's low-elevation snowstorms made for a wet drive for many area commuters, many local schools were still in session.

Brian Barrett, assistant superintendent for the Ukiah Unified School District, said the administration has been keeping a close eye on travel conditions, but had so far encountered no holdups.

"We have not had any bus

problems today," he said. "We have been constantly monitoring road conditions, working with local agencies. We have also been driving bus routes making sure they are safe for students. We've had no problems yet. I don't foresee any problems now that there is rain, but there's always tomorrow."

Sue Budlong, administrative assistant to the Mendocino Unified School District superintendent, said the lack of snowfall on the coast helped clear the way

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The world briefly

McCain wins Florida GOP primary; Giuliani to drop out and endorse McCain

MIAMI (AP) — Sen. John McCain won a breakthrough triumph in the Florida primary Tuesday night, seizing the upper hand in the Republican presidential race ahead of next week’s coast-to-coast contests and lining up a quick endorsement from soon-to-be dropout Rudy Giuliani.

“It shows one thing: I’m the conservative leader who can unite the party,” McCain told The Associated Press after easing past former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney for his first-ever triumph in a primary open only to Republicans.

“We have a ways to go, but we’re getting close” to the nomination, he said later in an appearance before cheering supporters.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton was the Democratic winner in a primary held in defiance of national rules that drew no campaigning and awarded no delegates.

The victory was worth 57 Republican National Convention delegates for McCain, a winner-take-all haul that catapulted him ahead of Romney in that category.

Romney, who has spent millions of dollars of his personal fortune to run for the White House, vowed to stay in the race.

“At a time like this, America needs a president in the White House who has actually had a job in the real economy,” the former businessman told supporters in St. Petersburg.

Giuliani, the former New York mayor, ran third. It was his best showing of the campaign, but not nearly good enough for the one-time front-runner who decided to make his last stand in a state that is home to tens of thousands of transplanted New Yorkers. Several officials familiar with events said he intended to endorse McCain on Wednesday in California.

In remarks to supporters in Orlando, Giuliani referred to his candidacy repeatedly in the past tense — as though it were over. “We’ll stay involved and together we’ll make sure that we’ll do everything we can to hand our nation off to the next generation better than it was before,” he said.

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee ran fourth in the primary but told supporters he would campaign on. Texas Rep. Ron Paul was fifth, and last.

Signs point toward pause or halt to U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq this summer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is sending strong signals that U.S. troop reductions in Iraq will slow or stop altogether this summer, a move that would jeopardize hopes of relieving strain on the Army and Marine Corps and revive debate over an open-ended U.S. commitment in Iraq.

The indications of a likely slowdown reflect concern by U.S. commanders that the improvement in security in Iraq since June — to a degree few had predicted when President Bush ordered five more Army brigades to Iraq a year ago — is tenuous and could be reversed if the extra troops come out too soon.

One of those extra brigades left in December and the other four are due to come out by July, leaving 15 brigades, or roughly 130,000 to 135,000 troops — the same number as before Bush sent the reinforcements.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, is scheduled to report to the president and to Congress in April on possible additional cutbacks and any recommended changes in strategy. Petraeus recently said it would be prudent to “let things settle a bit” after the current round of troop cuts is completed in July before deciding whether and when to reduce further.

Majority Democrats in Congress have pressed unsuccessfully to wind down the war quickly, in part out of concern that more fire-power should be transferred to Afghanistan, where the security situation has deteriorated. Reluctance by Bush to continue the troop drawdown beyond July is likely to trigger a new round of conflict with the anti-war Democrats, especially with the November elections looming.

House passes \$146 billion economic package that would speed rebates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House, seizing a rare moment of bipartisanship to respond to the economy’s slump, overwhelmingly passed a \$146 billion aid package Tuesday that would speed rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 to most taxpayers.

The plan, approved 385-35 after little debate, would send at least some rebate to anyone with at least \$3,000 in income, with more going to families with children and less going to wealthier taxpayers.

It faced a murky future in the Senate, though, where Democrats and some Republicans backed a larger package that adds billions of dollars for senior citizens and the unemployed, and shrinks the rebate to \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for couples. That plan, written by Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, would deliver checks even to the richest taxpayers, who are disqualified under the House-passed measure.

Both versions would provide tax breaks to businesses to spur equipment and other purchases.

President Bush and House leaders urged the Senate to take the bipartisan agreement and pass it quickly, even as Baucus, D-Mont., planned a Wednesday vote in his committee on a larger package that could face a slower path.

Hostage standoff ends; gunmen arrested after fleeing in ambulance

ALTAGRACIA DE ORITUCO, Venezuela (AP) — Gunmen who held more than 30 hostages inside a Venezuelan bank for over 24 hours fled in an ambulance and were caught Tuesday along a roadside, where they surrendered and freed their last five captives.

The gunmen first let three hostages go and then negotiated with police while holding on to the last two, Guarico state Gov. Eduardo Manuitt said.

“This nightmare is over,” Manuitt told state television.

They eventually turned over their guns and a grenade, and then were ordered to the ground as police arrested them, Manuitt said. The pursuit ended less than two hours after the gunmen fled the bank in the ambulance under a deal negotiated with police.

The standoff in this town southeast of Caracas began Monday morning with a botched robbery. In the final hours, some hostages inside the bank waved signs in the windows with desperate pleas for help and used cell phones to call their relatives.

Under the deal with police, the gunmen were permitted to leave with five hostages who agreed to accompany them, freeing the rest of the captives at the bank.

Bush says reliance on faith helped him beat ‘addiction’ to alcohol

BALTIMORE (AP) — President Bush is talking more openly about his old drinking habit, and on Tuesday he offered perhaps his most pointed assessment yet by saying plainly that the term “addiction” had applied to him.

“Addiction is hard to overcome. As you might remember, I drank too much at one time in my life,” Bush said during a visit to the Jericho Program, a project of Episcopal Community Services of Maryland that helps former prisoners deal with problems such as drug addiction, finding jobs and reintegrating productively into society.

Bush spoke to reporters after meeting privately with two men who have graduated from Jericho’s program and dealt with drug problems. During that session, which the White House allowed one reporter to attend, Bush spoke frankly about himself.

“I understand addiction, and I understand how a changed heart can help you deal with addiction,” he told the two men. “There’s some kind of commonality.”

Hand gel not enough to curb infections; rings, fingernails carry germs too

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Doctors and nurses on the go often skip soap and water in favor of an alcohol-based hand gel, thinking the quick-acting goo will kill bacteria on their hands and curb the spread of infection. It turns out that’s not enough.

In a Nebraska hospital, medical workers nearly doubled their use of the alcohol-based gel, but their generally cleaner hands had no bearing on the rate of infections among patients.

The doctor who studied the problem pointed to many villains: Rings and fingernails that are too long and hard to clean, poor handling of catheters and treatment areas that aren’t sanitized.

“Hand hygiene is still important, but it’s not a panacea,” said Dr. Mark Rupp, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He led the study at the adjoining Nebraska Medical Center.

The results of his study appear to contradict hospital guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that say better hand hygiene — through frequent washing or use of hand gels — has been shown to cut the spread of hospital infections.

The spread of infection-causing germs in U.S. hospitals is a huge health problem, accounting for an estimated 1.7 million infections and 99,000 deaths each year, according to the CDC. These include drug-resistant staph, urinary tract infections and ventilator-associated pneumonia, among others.

‘Sweet’ room — made of chocolate — is unveiled for Valentine’s Day stunt

NEW YORK (AP) — Don’t lick the walls.

An all-chocolate room was unveiled in Manhattan on Tuesday — a pre-Valentine’s Day creation complete with furniture and artwork made of the sweet stuff.

“It’s the perfect bit of sin,” said Ali Larter, star of TV’s “Heroes,” of the Godiva chocolate “pearls” that are her private daily indulgence.

Here, they were dripping off the chandeliers above the dining table, which was a sea of stars, truffles and crescents — all chocolate, of course, under glass.

Larter is the celebrity face hired by the Belgian chocolatier for its annual Valentine’s Day promotion contest. This year, anyone who buys the winning box of chocolates — for \$23 and up — may win the chocolate room. It is to be re-created in a suite of Manhattan’s Bryant Park Hotel for a pampered getaway weekend for two in May.

The winning box — sold only in North America — will contain a note informing the buyer of his or her good luck.

DEATH NOTICES

• **Vivi Rones**, 95, of Ukiah, died Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 at a local hospital. Private services were held. The Eversole Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Edward Delossantos, 35, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of causing corporal injury to a spouse in the 700 block of South State Street at 6:01 p.m. Monday.

SHERIFF’S REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office:

BOOKED -- Donald Allen Dickens, 45, of Fort Bragg, was booked into jail on suspicion of battery with bodily injury and criminal conspiracy by the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office at 4 p.m. Friday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law

enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

CORRECTIONS

A letter to the editor titled “Not Happy” should not have appeared in Tuesday’s edition. It was a very old letter that was previously published and inexplicably turned up in our fax system once again.

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

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Skeletal remains found in Philo area

Tests under way to see if they match X-rays of person missing since March

The Daily Journal

A skeleton found in the Philo area may be the body of a missing person who has not been seen since March of 2007, the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office announced Tuesday.

According to sheriff’s reports, the skeletal remains of a person believed to be

between 40 and 50 years old were found on a ranch near Philo Saturday.

The remains were found in the same area where a person went missing last March. So far, the Sheriff’s Office has not identified the body, and a cause of death has not been determined.

Detectives may be able to match X-rays to the remains for a positive identification. The case has been referred to a lab in Chico for a forensic analysis.

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Anderson Valley Brewing Company will hold its 20th anniversary party on Saturday, while unveiling a new beer.

Anderson Valley Brewing Company, nearly old enough to buy beer

The Daily Journal

To celebrate 20 years of producing its award-winning craft beer, Anderson Valley Brewing Company will welcome the public to a 20th anniversary Celebration held on Saturday rain or shine.

The festivities begin at 2 p.m., with tours, carriage rides and disc golf. Beer tasting and hors d'oeuvres begin at 4 p.m., followed by a four-course dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner choices will range from prime rib to vegetarian eggplant parmesan and a dessert to die for, double chocolate abbey-style cake.

Admission is \$65 per person. For more information and to purchase tickets, call 895-2337, ext. 23, or go to the AVBC Web site at www.avbc.com.

Also commemorating this special occasion, Anderson Valley Brewing Company will release their 20th Anniversary Imperial India Pale Ale on Feb. 2.

This special brew, with its intense and complex flavors, is the proud result of decades of great beer-making, and comes in bottles and cases printed with a unique, colorful sunrise label. The 20th Anniversary Imperial Pale Ale is a limited edition brew and high demand is expected.



Kenneth Allen

On Dec. 26, 1987, Anderson Valley Brewing Company was launched when Dr. Kenneth Allen began making and sell-

ing beer from the lower level of The Buckhorn Saloon in Boonville. Carefully brewed in vats and tanks designed by Allen, AVBC's award-winning ales grew increasingly popular, eventually exceeding the small ten-barrel brewery's capacity. In 1996, AVBC moved into their current eco-friendly facility just south of Boonville and two years later AVBC's production grew to 15,000 barrels a year.

Fast-forward ten more years and AVBC is now producing 25,000 barrels a year, their three-story Bavarian-style brew house filled with old-fashioned copper kettles Dr. Allen brought back from Germany. AVBC has twice won placement among the World Beer Championships Top Ten Breweries of the Year, and has since become one of the Anderson Valley's prime tourist destinations.

In keeping with its unspoiled surroundings, AVBC's grounds have since been converted into picnic groves, an 18-hole disc golf course, and pastures for the enormous Shire horses who pull passengers and local beer deliveries around Boonville in the brewery's carriage. Anderson Valley Brewing Company is located at 17700 Hwy 253 in Boonville.



the commerce file

By K.C. Meadows

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has added five Class 8 heavy-duty liquid natural gas (LNG) trucks to its alternative fuel fleet and one of them will be on the Ukiah run. PG&E is the first utility in the nation to put the LNG-powered trucks into service.

"Natural gas is one of the cleanest alternative fuels available today," said David Meisel, director of transportation services at PG&E. "The Kenworth LNG-powered trucks will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15 to 20 percent over equivalent diesel engines."

PG&E purchased the Class 8 heavy-duty trucks from Bay Area Kenworth as diesel units and collaborated on the upgrade to liquid natural gas operation with Kenworth and Westport Innovations Inc., a leader in the development of natural gas engines and fuel systems. The unique fuel system developed and manufactured by Westport and called high pressure direct injection, uses a small amount of diesel to ignite the natural gas in the engine and provides diesel-equivalent torque, horsepower and a range of 400-450 miles. The result is reduced NOx, particulate matter and greenhouse gas emissions and less reliance on diesel fuel by running the cleaner LNG fuel.

The LNG-powered trucks are based at PG&E's Fremont service warehouse from where all the utility's supplies are shipped and are being put into service for routes to Fresno, Marysville, Ukiah and Templeton.

PG&E operates 36 natural gas fueling stations throughout its northern and central California service territory, 27 of which are open to the public.

Granite Construction has been named to Fortune's eleventh annual "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. Granite ranked No. 74 on the overall list of 100 companies. The full list and related stories appear in the February 4 issue of Fortune, available on newsstands now or at www.fortune.com

Granite's president and CEO, William G. Dorey, said, "We are extremely proud to receive this recognition for the fifth straight year. At the core of our company are our people, their knowledge, their skill, and their passion. This achievement is a testament to the quality of our workforce and the unique culture of our Company."

A driving factor for the list this year is that these companies excel in creating jobs. The 100 companies on the 2008 list added 67,000 employees to their payrolls in the past year and employ a total of nearly 1.6 million employees; up 16 percent from the number employed by companies comprising last year's list.

To pick the "100 Best Companies to Work for," Fortune works with Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz of the Great Place to Work Institute to conduct the most extensive employee survey in corporate America. Of some 1,500 firms that were contacted, 406 companies participated in this year's survey. Nearly 100,000 employees at those companies responded to a 57-question survey. Most of the company's score (two-thirds) is based on the results of the survey, which is sent to a minimum of 400 randomly selected employees from each company. The survey asks questions related to their attitudes about the management's credibility, job satisfaction and camaraderie. The other third of the scoring is based on the company's responses to the Institute's Culture Audit, which includes detailed questions about pay and benefit programs and a series of open-ended questions about hiring practices, methods of internal communications, training, recognition programs and diversity efforts, etc.

A reader sent one the latest possible scam notices; this purports to be from the Internal Revenue Service. It tells you that you are due a refund and then you log into a web site and are asked questions you shouldn't be giving answers to about your personal financial information. Watch out for it.

Here are the latest recalls from Recalls.org gleaned from various federal and state agencies. For more information about any of them go to www.recalls.org.

NORDSTROM CANDLES: Nordstrom Inc. is recalling Nordstrom "At Home" Taper and Votive Candles sold nationwide from September 2007 to December 2007. The candle's exterior coating can ignite, posing a fire hazard.

TOY RACING CARS: OKK Trading Inc. is recalling Toy Racing Cars sold nationwide from October 2007 to November 2007. Surface paint on the toy cars contains excessive levels of lead.

MAGNETIC CONSTRUCTION SETS: Battat Inc. is recalling Battat Magnabild Magnetic Building Systems sold nationwide from 2005 to 2007. Small magnets inside the building pieces can fall out. Magnets found by young children can be swallowed or aspirated.

ASSESSMENT BLOCKS: RR Donnelley Learning Group is recalling ESI-R Screening Materials sold nationwide from January 2003 to November 2007. Surface paint on the green wooden blocks contains excessive levels of lead.

WOODED BLOCK AND TRAIN SETS: Christmas Tree Shops is recalling Big Wooden Blocks and Jumbo Wooden Train Sets sold nationwide from October 2006 to November 2007. Surface paint on some pieces of the toys contains excessive levels of lead.

Nursing-home resident sees far too much

Q: My 87-year old mother has been a nursing-home resident since she fractured her hip last year. Because she was unable to benefit from rehabilitation, Medicare stopped paying for her care, and she was moved into another room, where she receives skilled care, but she now has a 77-year-old female roommate with an obvious memory disorder. Their beds are no more than 4 feet apart, and only a curtain allows them to have any type of privacy.

Mom has complained that her roommate is on the phone at all hours of the day and night talking to her husband, which keeps Mom awake. We finally met her husband last Sunday during visiting hours. He appeared to be quite a bit younger than his wife and appeared to be drinking. He seemed jovial, but not 10 minutes after he arrived, he pulled the curtain around his wife's bed and they began engaging in sexual relations while my wife and I were sitting there trying to visit with my mother.

The noise was unbearable, and every so often, the curtain would get kicked and the husband's bare feet would go flying in and out. There was no question what was going on over there. My mother, who is very sharp for her age, was quite embarrassed, as were my wife and I.

I went first to the nurse and then to the administrator of the facility and related what had been going on and the effect on



Next steps

By Jan Warner and Jan Collins

my mother and, quite frankly, anyone within earshot. I was also concerned that this man could come to the facility, get confused, and go into the wrong room and possibly rape a patient if he is intoxicated.

The administrator told me that, by federal law, husbands and wives have rights to conjugal visits, and the nursing home could not stop it. I was shocked when I was told that unless and until the husband did something inappropriate, there was nothing that could be done. I have talked to the families of other residents who are also concerned. Are there any actions we can take to prevent this from happening again? I would like to move my mother, but we are told that all the other beds are full.

A: Lists of residents' rights in nursing facilities are included in both state and federal laws with an eye toward protecting the residents' liberties; however, at the same time, while in a

nursing-home setting, residents can't have the complete freedoms they enjoyed outside the facility.

The right to privacy is most important, meaning that when care is being given, the door should be closed, the privacy curtain should be drawn, and the blinds or curtains should be closed.

To avoid violating the law, the facility must avoid endangering a resident's health, safety or welfare. That is why humiliation, harassment and threats constitute mental abuse. On the one hand, the facility can't ignore a resident's request that would improve the quality of that person's life. Yet, on the other, such requests must be considered in light of practicality or potential harm to that and other residents' health and safety.

Because federal law guarantees the right of residents to communicate privately and without restriction with chosen persons, the facility must make arrangements to allow private visits, especially where, as with your mother, the residents share a room. Although "reasonable hours" may be considered to be normal waking hours to most, the facility must allow a visitor to see a resident during odd hours if requested by the resident if an extraordinary situation presents itself. On the other hand, facilities can restrict visitors if, among other things, the visitor disrupts the proper func-

tion of the facility.

That said, while the facility must arrange for private meetings between spouses, there should be special arrangements for those in semiprivate rooms to allow conjugal visits. Based upon our research, we believe the facility is remiss in not providing better accommodations for conjugal visits.

Taking the NextStep: In that your mother's roommate appears to be ambulatory, it might be that a separate private room could be made available. Or, in some instances, a resident may be able to leave the facility for a conjugal visit. Your mother's health and welfare must be balanced against her roommate's rights. We suggest that you try again to resolve the matter and, if you can't, we suggest that you contact the long-term care ombudsman and file a grievance or, as a last resort, move your mother to another facility that "keeps a lid" on patients' rights of this nature.

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To submit information for the Commerce section, call 468-3520 or email udjfeatures@pacific.net

Letters from our readers

Sales tax still at issue

To the Editor:
I'm responding to the Daily Journal's article, "Medical marijuana sales tax may end."
Americans for Safe Access (ASA) has tracked the sales tax issue since before the BOE policy change on medical marijuana in Oct. 2005. The date you reference, February 2007, is simply when notices were sent by the BOE to known dispensaries across the state explaining that they must apply for seller's permits. We are also in direct communication with BOE Chair Betty Yee about these issues, but have not heard about any intent to change the October 2005 BOE policy.

One of the criteria that the State of California uses to reject the argument that medical marijuana should be exempt as a medicine, is that only "prescribed" medicines are exempt from sales tax, and since medical marijuana cannot be prescribed (due to its position as a Schedule I drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act), it is not exempt from state sales tax. There is likely to be no change on this policy until federal law changes to allow marijuana to be prescribed (i.e. rescheduled under the Controlled Substances Act), or until such time that someone wins a legal case in state court.

Contrary to the BOE policy change purported by the Daily Journal, State Senator Carole Migden intends to re-introduce her back sales tax amnesty bill, which was tabled last year in committee. This bill, also supported by Yee, aims to mitigate harm and assist dispensaries and their patients struggling to comply with these sometimes onerous BOE requirements.

I'm afraid that your readers will come away with the false impression that the state intends to change its policy on taxing the sale of medical marijuana. While we at ASA would welcome such a policy change, it is unlikely to happen in the near future. Until that time, however, the state stands to gain millions of dollars from a previously untapped resource.

Kris Hermes
Oakland

Make government more efficient

To the Editor:
The right to hire and fire for any reason is absolutely needed. To fire most government employees is almost impossible with the impediments that have been put in place as a safeguard to the practice of firing employees and putting friends or relatives on the payroll, but it's backfired. They're still putting friends and relatives on, even when there are more competent people available, and then it is practically impossible to fire them.


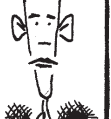
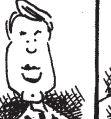





There is an old saying, "one bad apple spoils them all." When one employee sluffs off with all kinds of excuses, the morale of all the rest goes down too. Efficiency goes down, and it takes two people to do the job of one. The prospect of being fired makes one want to do better at their job and therefore more interesting. This policy on the state and local level would be at their discretion, but if it were enacted at the federal level, I am sure it would follow as this is a big problem for all government entities. In our private sector, we have perhaps a foreman over a certain amount of employees, and a manager over a certain number of foremen, and the boss or owner over the manager. If any of these people are not doing good, they are replaced. Sometimes this is not exactly a kind system, but being efficient is what would make us able to produce a left handed widget cheaper than the Chinese.

It puts our people to work, so everyone makes money, pays taxes and the whole country benefits. This necessary efficiency is true for government, which is a cost to business, the same as labor and electricity. Then we can make right and left handed widgets instead of importing them.

The other proposal is to make prostitution legal. It's her right to sell her body as

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long as it doesn't effect others. Professional football players sell their body because most will have permanent injuries, but they're heroes. If prostitution was legal, there could be red light districts that did not affect the sensitivities of others, like it is today, with hookers working in all neighborhoods. This is another case where billions of dollars are spent on law enforcement. It would be regulated and taxed, which I am sure we are getting zero taxes from it now. It could be monitored much better to protect the young that now are lured into a criminal world. I realize that most prostitution is in the providence of states, but if the federal government makes it legal, it makes sense the states would follow.

Since prostitution isn't legal, hookers who get beat up or robbed can't go to the cops. They usually end up with a pimp, who gives them a measure of protection, but pimps aren't known to be nice guys. I am sure most of these women didn't come from a good life. I'm also sure this life they lead isn't very swift. These women usually do not steal, they are selling something that someone is willing to buy. These women are human beings with the same or maybe more problems than the rest of us. We are supposed to be a compassionate nation.

Emil Rossi
Boonville

January dreamers

To the Editor:
I'm up early this glorious, sunny January morning eager to rush to my knees in the flower garden to weed out the waste obscuring the Spring bloom. I was surprised to see it was 7:50 a.m. when I awoke because my last conscious recollection occurred around 3 a.m., when I finally made it to bed after jamming with local musicians at North Oak street in a friendly little house packed to the walls with intelligent, hopeful spirits pouring their souls into the sounds of peace and love. I've chosen to take a couple hours this morning to address youthful citizens who have generously shared with me their visions and insights into the state of affairs unfolding in the world, as the final curtains fall on the stage of global manipulations and illusions, perpetrated by the Great Destroyers spreading fear and threats of massive annihilation around.

When we search through current events and history, we find today the offspring of the same beast that spread deception, lies, murder and destruction for personal gain

across the face of the globe in the likes of every conqueror who ever attacked free people from the Americas, to Africa, to Asia. The same old give me, give me, give me; take, take, take crowd manipulating the truth to fit their goals of enslavement through militarism and mentalism: "Histories Actors".

Fortunately, we have not all been captured or fooled. The American youth are awake and standing ready to defend their independence and happiness. I am convinced of this beyond a doubt. The youth of today are brilliant beyond comprehension; corralled as they are in the propaganda machine posing as media, schools, colleges, and employment fields. The youth of today are not protesting in the streets '60s style trying to protect the world they love; the youth of today are much more stealthy than we were in the past. The independent mindedness of this young generation reflects the actions our forefathers hoped would exist if during some future time totalitarian miscreants overtook the lawful execution of government that is so relevant in America today.

I cannot find words equivalent to express the mastery of living the dream our youth have that our ancestors hoped would eventually be found. Hail children; hail youth; hail young adults. You are beautiful! Your chorus is reaching a crescendo brilliantly expressing every virtue aspired to by all mankind over the ages. You are the most wonderful expression of life's creativity.

Be happy and true to yourselves. No one knows better how to live your life than you. Do not be led away from your dreams by anyone---parents, peers, or government. You possess the truth now that eventually gets diluted by compromises forced upon all of us by those who have no interest in anyone but themselves. Above all, love one another, and learn how to evade your enemies; their end comes through self-destruction.

Well, my three hours of writing and editing are up; it's past 1 p.m. I'm a slow writer; but, a fast weeder, and the garden screams my name. It's the one place in all the world where my anger was successfully absorbed and turned into beauty. If you see me walking towards Ukiah Brewing Company and Restaurant with a huge bouquet of flowers this spring; I grew them for you: angels, elementals, and youth.

P.S.: I need a public garden site real bad; are there any dreamers out there who are angry?

Ray Sanborn
Redwood Valley

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From the desk of ...



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Financial populists vs. Bernanke

Jim Cramer -- the hyperactive, loud and opinionated host of CNBC's "Mad Money" -- is no fan of Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke. If you'd tuned into "Mad Money" any time in recent months, you might have caught one of Cramer's outbursts against the ex-Princeton University economics professor. "Defend us from Uncle Ben Bernanke's relentless march to recession," went one rant. "You know what Bernanke is? He's the General Sherman of monetary policy. He's waging total war against the American economy."

Call this the rise of financial populism. Cramer is its biggest star and, in some ways, it has fundamentally altered the climate in which the Federal Reserve makes economic policy. Throughout its history, the Fed has rarely been popular (the peaceful period in the 1990s under Alan Greenspan was an exception). People often blame the Fed for recessions or high interest rates. But traditionally, politicians, business leaders and unions have been the most vocal critics.

No more. In recent months, the noisiest criticism of the Fed has come from Wall Street. Hordes of money managers, commentators and economists have joined Cramer in ridiculing Bernanke and other Fed officials. They're "clueless" and "behind the curve." The blunt message: Cut interest rates; revive the economy; boost stock prices. But these custodians of capital no longer speak only for small numbers of the superwealthy. From 1980 to 2005, the share of U.S. households owning stocks or mutual funds went from less than 19 percent to 50 percent.

Just as the late-19th-century populists, mostly farmers, wanted the government to provide cheap money and curb the railroads' power, today's financial populists think government should somehow guarantee that the economy always expands and stock prices always rise. Whenever either seems threatened, there's a clamor for action. Last week, Bernanke's Fed seemed to capitulate by cutting its overnight Fed funds rate from 4.25 percent to 3.5 percent (as recently as mid-September, it had been 5.25 percent). Another cut could come this week.

Of course, the Fed doesn't think it was surrendering to critics. Instead, it was trying to avert a financial stampede. Before the Fed took action, global stock markets were plunging; they were already down 12 percent for the year, says Howard Silverblatt of Standard & Poor's. The paper loss totaled \$6 trillion. There were signs of a huge sell-off of U.S. stocks. The Fed rate cut aimed to prevent a panic that would feed on itself. Lower rates would improve confidence by cushioning any economic slowdown.

Fair enough. The trouble is that this may be a distinction without a difference, because market sentiment -- what sends prices up or down -- is heavily shaped by the financial populists operating through the business cable channels, Internet-distributed commentators and print press. There is a vast echo chamber in which if something is repeated often enough, it becomes its own reality. When there's mostly cheering, stock or bond prices rise; with boos, prices fall. Either way, the Fed must deal with what "the markets" are saying. The present panicky climate results, at least partly, from all the invective heaped on the Fed.

What Cramer and many talking heads offer are selective and sensationalized views that favor short-term conditions and immediate gratification: higher stock prices tomorrow; better trading profits. By these appraisals, the U.S. economy is in dire shape. Who knows? Maybe a calamity lies just ahead. But as yet, the evidence is unconvincing. For all of 2007, profits of nonfinancial corporations were up 6 percent, says Silverblatt.

Of course, the economy has serious problems. But every problem -- even a recession -- is not the apocalypse. In the late 1990s, the electronic echo chamber promoted unrealistic euphoria, which fed the "tech bubble." It's not just that these portrayals, in both directions, exaggerate. They may also encourage self-defeating economic policies.

The Fed's first responsibility is to keep inflation at low levels because, without that, its other goals of maximum economic growth and low unemployment become impossible. We learned this lesson painfully in the 1960s and the 1970s. Political pressures then to avoid all recessions led the Fed to relax money and credit too often. The perverse results were higher inflation and more frequent and harsher recessions. Annual inflation peaked at 13.3 percent in 1979 and annual unemployment at 9.7 percent in 1982.

Some economists think that the Fed is already repeating its previous error, now prodded by "market pressures" and the specter of financial panic. If the market constantly demands to be stimulated by lower interest rates and easier credit, and threatens to go into an uncontrolled tailspin if it isn't, then the Fed is in a treacherous position. Trying to make matters better now may make them much worse in a few years if higher inflation emerges. This danger is easily overlooked.

Robert Samuelson writes for The Washington Post.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Phoenix Certified hospice bereavement support groups set to begin Jan. 30

The next Phoenix Certified Hospice Bereavement Support Groups will begin the end of January. Their Willits group will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will meet Wednesday evenings. Their Ukiah group will be held in the afternoons beginning on Thursday Jan. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will meet every Thursday for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the groups, however pre-registration is required due to limited group size. To register or request further information, contact Stephanie Gang at 456-3243.

6th annual ‘February \$Five\$ Drive’ is beginning

CASA of Mendocino County invites the public to be part of changing the lives of children, five dollars at a time. The donations go toward funding activities for the CASA children as they spend time with their advocates. Those that wish to donate to the program can do so by sending \$5 to CASA, P.O. Box 1434, Ukiah, CA, 95482.

Norm Island Elk’s Lodge Crab Feed set for Feb. 2

The Norm Island Elk’s Lodge in Ukiah #1728 will hold their annual all-you-can-eat Crab Feed on Saturday, Feb. 2. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the Elks Lodge for \$28 each. The Elk Lodge is located at 1200 Hastings Road, Ukiah. For more information, call 462-1728.

‘Dance for a good cause’ at Ukiah Methodist Church

Live music will be provided by The Good Bayou Boys, Dennis Hadley, Don Coffin, and Gus Garelick, on Saturday, Feb. 2, at a benefit dance for the next Katrina Relief Team from Ukiah. The dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue until 10:30 p.m. Advance ticket prices are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for seniors and students. Tickets at the door will cost \$1 more. The tickets are available at dig! Music and at the church between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. The United Methodist Church is located at 270 Pine Street. The parking lot is located on the Bush Street side. For more information, call 462-3360.

See’s Valentine Candy Sales set to begin Feb. 4

Soroptimist International of Ukiah will be selling Sees Candy in front of Raley’s Supermarket, at the Crossroads Shopping Center. Sales begin on Monday, Feb. 4, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Wednesday Feb. 13, or until sold out. Soroptimist International of Ukiah is a non-profit organization that helps women and girls in the community and the world. For more information, call Penny at 391-5177.

Positive Parenting: ‘OUCH -- That hurts!’ set for Feb. 5

Does your child fight with other children? Does your child hit, kick, bite or pull other children’s hair? This free presentation will give tips on how to teach children how to share, take turns, and play well with others. This presentation will be given by Clare Friedlander, LCSW. The presentation will be held on Feb. 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ukiah Valley Primary Care’s new building at 260 Hospital Drive -- upstairs, in the Southeast corner. Childcare is not provided. For more information, call Raise and Shine at 462-1233.

Potter Valley Garden Club to meet Feb. 6

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 1:30 p.m., Potter Valley Garden Club members will gather at the home of Lorraine Mathews. They will celebrate a birthday, honoring past presidents. Jean Near will present “Wool Growing from A to Z.” Near is an authority on wool growing, as she has been raising sheep for over 30 years. The bloodline for her sheep goes back to Australia and New Zealand stock she obtained from the Hopland Field Station some years back. Near has Marino and Marino-Cross with the Karakul breed, noted for its long staple suitable for the wool market. Lorraine Matthews’ home is located at 9200 Main Street, Potter Valley. For more information, call Linda at 743-1844 or Carol at 743-1137.

Hospice of Ukiah announces grief recovery support group

Hospice of Ukiah, Inc., a volunteer hospice, will offer an eight week series of support groups open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. This will be an opportunity for them to express feelings of loss and receive information for coping. The groups will meet on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., Feb. 6 through March 26, at the Hospice of Ukiah, Inc. offices, located at 620 S. Dora St., suite 101. The series is offered free of charge. For more information, or to register, call 391 8013.

CASA to start holding monthly orientation meetings

The Court Appointed Special Advocates program of Mendocino County invites those interested in becoming volunteer advocates with their program to monthly orientation meetings, beginning in February. The first meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at their office, 327 North State Street, Suite 204 in Ukiah. During the meeting, they will explain more about what the CASA program does for abused and neglected children of the community. They will also answer questions about what it takes to become a CASA advocate. No reservations will be needed to attend the meeting. For more information about CASA of Mendocino County or the upcoming orientation meetings, call them at 493-6503 or e-mail them at casamc@pacific.net.

Tickets on sale now for Mendocino Lake Horse Expo

Event benefits local equestrian groups

The Daily Journal
Tickets are on sale now for the Mendocino Lake Horse Expo, to be held February 16th at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. The popular annual event will again benefit local horse-oriented groups, as fifty percent of the ticket sales go to the clubs selling tickets. Sponsored by Rainbow America’s Country Store, Purina Mills and the Redwood Empire Quarter Horse Association, the Expo will feature a full day of education and entertainment for horsemen, including demonstrations by well known clinician, Raye Lochert, musical entertainment by Kitty Rose, informational and vendor booths, equine-product representatives and special activities for kids. In addition, Rainbow has donated a 60 foot Behlan Round Pen as a raffle prize. The participating local clubs are selling raffle tickets for the round pen at \$2 each, with each group keeping fifty percent of the ticket sales. “Every year, we strive to make the Expo bigger and better,” said Jim Mayfield, president of Rainbow America’s Country Store. “Last year we introduced the fund raising opportunity for our local horse clubs, and it was a huge success. We are expanding on that this year, with even more community involvement. The Expo is a great event for the entire horse community in Lake and Mendocino Counties.” Local organizations selling tickets to this year’s event include Redwood Empire Quarter Horse Association, Lake-Mendo Back Country Horsemen, Lake County Chapter of the California Dressage Society, and Clearlake Horsemen. Tickets are also available at both the Lakeport and Ukiah Rainbow stores, and on the coast at Fort Bragg Feed & Pet Supply. Gates will open for the Expo at 9 a.m. on Saturday the 16, with activities held indoors in Carl Purdy Hall. Raye Lochert will give three demonstrations during the day. Presale admission tickets are \$10. Expo admission also



Raye Lochert

included auditing admission to the Sunday riders clinics which will be held on the following day, Sunday, February 17th, in Kelseyville. “This gives local riders the opportunity to work with a well known clinician, right in their own backyards,” Mayfield said. Further information on the Mendocino Lake Horse Expo is available on the Rainbow Ag Web site www.rainbowag.com/horses.html or by calling event coordinator Jill Eaton at the Ukiah Rainbow Store 707 462 2404 or email horses@rainbowag.com. For more information please contact Jim Mayfield or Jill Eaton, Rainbow Ag, 235 East Perkins Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, 462-2404. For vendor or booth space information contact Lory McAsey, 235 East Perkins Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 462- 2404

Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis set for Feb. 9

The 21st Annual Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis will be held on Saturday Feb. 9th at Carl Purdy Hall at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. The Mendocino Wine Company Reception will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizers, belly dancers, and the display of live and silent auction items donated by local businesses. At 7 p.m., a Mediterranean dinner including Greek salad, rice pilaf, chicken kabobs or spanakopita, baklava and ravini will be served by Zach’s Catering. The live auction will begin at 8 p.m., and the silent auction closes at 9:30 p.m. when Rootstock will play dance music until midnight. The raffle drawing will occur at 11 p.m. for a grand prize of over \$2,000 of local goods and services. The Event of the Heart is hosted by the Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network for the benefit for persons affected by HIV/HCV. MCAVN provides HIV/HCV pre-

vention and care services. Tickets for the dinner/dance are \$60; dance-only tickets are \$10. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25.

Redwood Empire Lions Club to hold 35th annual crab feed on Feb. 10

On February 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. the Redwood Empire Lions Club will be holding their 35th Annual Crab Feed at Carl Purdy Hall at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. The price of the meals will be \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children 10 years and under. In addition to cracked crab, salad, beans and garlic bread, they will also be serving Julio’s Spaghetti. There will be a live auction and prize drawings during the event. All proceeds from this event will be used to serve those in need in the community. Meal and drawing tickets may be obtained by calling Marge at 463-2238 or Sandy at 621-2563. The Ukiah Fairgrounds are located at 1055 North State Street, Ukiah.

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Groups of local residents have had rousing conversations about education, transportation, child rearing, supervisors’ salaries and more.

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- Wed., Mendocino mens basket-ball @ Alameda, 7 p.m.
- Wed., Mendocino womens basket-ball @ Napa Valley, 7:30 p.m.

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Mets, Twins reach tentative deal for Santana

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — Johan Santana is a contract extension and physical from going to the New York Mets. After months of deliberation, the Twins reached a tentative agreement Tuesday to part with the two-time Cy Young Award winner for outfielder Carlos Gomez, and

pitchers Phil Humber, Deolis Guerra and Kevin Mulvey, two people familiar with the deal said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made. “If it’s true, obviously, you’re getting arguably the best pitcher in the game,” Mets third baseman David Wright said.

The next step is for the Mets to negotiate a contract extension with Santana, who is eligible for free agency after this season. The three-time All-Star is owed \$13.25 million this year and likely will seek an extension of five-to-seven years worth at least \$20 million annually. New York and Santana have until 5 p.m. EST Friday

to reach an agreement, a baseball official told The Associated Press, also on condition of anonymity. If the Mets and Santana strike a deal, the players would have to pass physicals and the pitcher would have to formally waive his no-trade clause. The Mets emerged as the top candidate for a trade after the winter meetings, when the

New York Yankees withdrew their offer, which included pitchers Phil Hughes and Ian Kennedy, and the Red Sox refused to improve their proposals, which would have sent pitcher Jon Lester or outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury to the Twins along with prospects. Minnesota general manager

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Yao scores 36 as Rockets top Warriors

By CHRIS DUNCAN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored eight of his 36 points in the final 2 1/2 minutes and had 19 rebounds to help the Houston Rockets hold on to beat the Golden State Warriors 111-107 on Tuesday night.

Rafer Alston had 17 points and a season-high 12 assists as the Rockets overcame the absence of Tracy McGrady to win for the fifth time in six games and snap a four-game losing streak to the Warriors.

Houston led 52-31 late in the second quarter, but the Warriors spent the second half gradually chipping away. They took their first lead, at 102-101, on Baron Davis’ 3-pointer with 2:11 left in the game.

Yao overpowered Golden State’s undersized frontcourt all night and muscled his way down low on every Rockets’ possession down the stretch. He went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line and flipped in a hook shot after that as Houston pulled away late.

Davis sank another 3-pointer with 15.5 seconds left for the final margin. He finished with 21 points, six rebounds and six assists.

McGrady sat out with flu-like symptoms, the 15th game he’s missed this season. The Rockets improved to 8-7 without him.

Luther Head scored 20 and added six assists for the Rockets.

Stephen Jackson had 25 points, seven assists and six rebounds for Golden State.

The Rockets opened the game with a 23-6 run, hitting nine of their first 14 shots. Houston got a bonus when Davis picked up his second foul just five minutes after the tip.

Already frustrated, Davis got in Alston’s face under the Warriors’ basket and the two exchanged words and earned technical fouls.

Golden State quickened the pace, but that strategy backfired. Yao scored twice inside to stretch Houston’s lead to 29-9 with three minutes left in the first quarter.

Yao was dominant after struggling in the first two meetings with Golden State this season, averaging only 13 points. He had 12 points and 11 rebounds in the first quarter alone and Houston led 33-18.

The Warriors found their touch and mounted an 11-2 run to cut the lead to 10. But with Yao on the bench, the Rockets retook control in the second quarter, answering with a 12-3 burst to extend the lead to 45-26.

Yao returned with 7:07 left in the half, after Carl Landry cut open his bottom lip diving for a loose ball. Golden State trimmed the deficit to 10 again, but Alston sank a 3-pointer to put the Rockets up 60-46 at the break.

The Rockets led 71-57 midway through the third quarter, but Monta



Rockets captain Tracy McGrady grabs Warriors swingman Stephen Jackson who had beat off the dribble during their game earlier this season.

Ellis and Matt Barnes sank 3-pointers during a 14-4 Golden State run. After a Houston time out, Yao scored twice inside and Shane Battier hit a 3-pointer, pushing the lead back over 10.

Al Harrington sank two 3-pointers in three minutes as Golden State mounted one final surge. Seldom-used Steve Novak missed two forced 3-pointers at the Houston end and Harrington pulled the Warriors to 100-99 on a long jumper from just inside the 3-point line.

Golden State went 12-for-29 from 3-point range, sinking eight in the second half to fuel the comeback. **Notes:** Yao matched his season highs in points and rebounds. ... Golden State finished with 10 turnovers and committed only

three in the second half. ... Landry, a rookie, took five stitches for his injured lip at halftime.

Warriors-Rockets, Box GOLDEN STATE (107)

Jackson 7-14 6-7 25, Harrington 5-12 2-6 14, Biedrins 6-10 2-4 14, Davis 6-22 6-7 21, Ellis 7-14 3-4 18, Barnes 5-9 2-2 13, Pietrus 0-5 0-0 0, Watson 1-2 0-0 2, Azubuike 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-88 21-30 107.

HOUSTON (111)

Battier 3-5 0-0 8, Scola 4-7 2-2 10, Yao 11-19 14-15 36, Alston 7-19 1-2 17, Head 7-16 5-5 20, Wells 0-1 3-4 3, Brooks 0-5 0-2 0, Landry 3-6 1-2 7, James 1-2 0-0 2, Novak 3-5 0-0 8.

Totals 39-85 26-32 111.

Golden State		18	28
26	35	—	107
Houston		33	27
28	—	111	23

3-Point Goals—Golden State 12-29 (Jackson 5-7, Davis 3-11, Harrington 2-7, Ellis 1-1, Barnes 1-1, Pietrus 0-2), Houston 7-21 (Novak 2-3, Battier 2-4, Alston 2-8, Head 1-5, Brooks 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 53 (Biedrins 12), Houston 59 (Yao 19). Assists—Golden State 23 (Jackson 7), Houston 28 (Alston 12). Total Fouls—Golden State 25, Houston 23. Technicals—Davis, Alston, Houston defensive three second. A—16,586 (18,500).

NFL | SUPER BOWL

Fox hopes to beat Super viewership record of more than 94 million viewers

By DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The undefeated New England Patriots aren’t taking the only shot at history this weekend. There’s a strong chance that this could be the most-watched Super Bowl ever.

The record Fox will be shooting for is the 94.08 million viewers who watched the Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers in January 1996, according to Nielsen Media Research. Last year’s victory by the Indianapolis Colts came closest with 93.2 million.

The biggest draw is the Patriots themselves, as they attempt to become the first undefeated NFL team since the 1972 Dolphins — and secure near-unanimous acclaim as the best pro football team ever.

“This has a very good chance,” said Brad Adgate, research chief for the Madison Avenue firm Horizon Media.

While the Patriots’ quest for history will be the focus, they must beat the New York Giants, who represent the biggest television market in the country. The Giants’ underdog run to the Super Bowl has captivated its fan

base, and the NFC championship victory over the Green Bay Packers had the biggest audience for that game since 1995, according to Nielsen Media Research.

There’s also the fresh memory of the thrilling game the Giants and Patriots played on the last night of the regular season, where New England had to come from behind to keep their unbeaten streak alive. That game was seen by 34.5 million people, the most-watched NFL regular season game since 1990.

Fox says that setting a record is possible. “There are a lot of factors that go into a huge number like this,” said Bill Wanger, research chief for Fox sports. “Having the number one market isn’t necessarily a lock.”

Actually, TV networks prefer a contest with a bit more geographic diversity — a West Coast team playing an East Coast team, instead of two teams from the Northeast.

The biggest factor in keeping view-

ers tuned in is the competitiveness of the game. A rout is generally bad news, although recent history is on Fox’s side. After a run of lackluster Super Bowl games, this decade has seen some good ones. The playoffs leading up the Super Bowl, capped by the Giants’ overtime victory over Green Bay, also bode well.

The best thing for Fox is a close game with the Giants leading, but the Patriots still with a chance at the end.

The element of history might keep viewers tuned in even if the Patriots are blowing out the Giants, although the big victory margins the team was racking up early in the year have diminished.

“If New England blows out the Giants, this may be one time when ratings late in the game will not decline,” said Steve Sternberg, ratings expert for the ad-buying firm Magna Global. “The only thing that might prevent near-record ratings is if the Giants blow out the Patriots. But even that

might keep viewers tuned in.”

Other, esoteric factors might help, too. Bad weather across the country could keep people in front of their TVs, in case they were tempted to do something else.

The Hollywood writers strike might leave viewers a little more starved than usual for something good to watch, Adgate said.

The Super Bowl is the most popular television event of the year. This year’s game will almost certainly fail to match the most popular television event of all time, the 1983 finale of the TV series “M-A-S-H,” which drew an estimated 125 million people.

Even if this week’s game cracks the viewership record, it is still not likely earn the best Super Bowl rating — because of factors out of the game’s control. The ratings record of 49.1 — meaning just under half of the nation’s TV sets were tuned in to the game — was set for the 1982 game between San Francisco and Cincinnati. The simple explosion in the number of TV networks available for people to watch makes that a hard number to approach.

NBA | WARRIORS

Webber returns to Warriors 13 years later

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Golden State coach Don Nelson had no reservations about reacquiring Chris Webber 13 years after the two clashed and Webber asked for a trade.

The free agent forward signed a contract Tuesday, returning to the team that drafted him in 1993. Warriors executive vice president Chris Mullin did not release details of the deal.

The Warriors were playing in Houston on Tuesday night and New Orleans on Wednesday. Nelson said Webber would join the Warriors on Thursday when the team returned to Oakland.

“He’s one of the best passing big men to ever play the game,” Nelson said. “That’s going to really help us. And then he’s going to increase our team IQ. He’s a very smart player. And he’s another big man, he makes us one more deep all along the roster.”

“I think it’s going to work out great and I can’t wait to see him.”

Nelson said Webber was working out with strength and conditioning coach John Murray in Oakland on Tuesday. Webber hasn’t played in a game since Detroit lost to Cleveland in last season’s Eastern Conference finals.

Nelson was hoping Webber would be ready for Golden State’s Feb. 7 game against Chicago. The Warriors play Charlotte on Feb. 1, then have six days off before that game, giving Webber time to work on his conditioning.

“That’s our job to get him in shape and get him where he feels good and comfortable,” Nelson said.

Not long after he was drafted, Webber started fighting with Nelson and he demanded a trade before his second season. The former Michigan star eventually was dealt to Washington in November 1994 and he’s been loudly booed at Oracle Arena ever since.

When Golden State’s brass asked Nelson if he’d have a problem coaching Webber again, Nelson said no.

“I didn’t know how he felt about it, but I know now,” Nelson said. “He feels good about it as well.”

Webber, a five-time All-Star, had confirmed in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Monday night that he was set to rejoin the Warriors.

“We’re glad that Chris has elected to sign with our club and feel fortunate to add a player with his ability,” Mullin said. “We think he will be a nice addition to our team and provide additional depth to our front court and an added veteran presence on the floor.”

Webber was NBA Rookie of the Year with the Warriors in 1993-94. He demanded a trade following that season, and has since played for Washington, Sacramento, Philadelphia and Detroit.

“It is with great pride and humility that I announce my return to the Golden State Warriors, the place where it all started,” the five-time All-Star said in a statement released by the Warriors. “In playing for Nellie before, I know how much fun his style of ball can be.”

To make room on the roster, the Warriors waived guard Troy Hudson.

Young Africans carry soccer dreams from impoverished fields to ultra-rich Qatar

By SEBASTIAN ABBOT
Associated Press
DOHA, Qatar — Anthony Bassey Bassey developed his ability to deftly juggle a soccer ball in the rain and the mud of his native Nigeria, dreaming of someday playing for the powerhouse Spanish team Barcelona.

Now the 13-year-old practices in a soaring, air-conditioned domed stadium in this tiny, ultra-rich Persian Gulf nation — thousands of miles from home.

Bassey is one of 23 players who made it to Qatar for the final round of the largest talent search in soccer history, a screening of 400,000 boys his age across seven African countries.

The tryouts were held by the Aspire sports academy, which is funded by Qatar's government. In the coming days, the school plans to announce the names of a handful of the players who will receive full scholarships to study and train at the campus in Doha.

The Nigerian teenager looked around in awe at the gleaming stadium.

"Aspire is the best academy that has the best facilities that I have seen in my life," Bassey said. "I came here to have more experience about football, to become a professional, and to have my bright future."

The contest has catapulted Qatar to the front in the race for one of Africa's most precious resources — its skilled young soccer players. But like China's quest for African oil and minerals, the push by Aspire has sparked controversy.

The school acknowledges it targeted younger players because the older ones already have been scooped up by agents.

Josep Colomer, a Spaniard who heads Aspire's initiative, said it chose Africa because places like South America have already been thoroughly mined for players. "I realized that Africa is full of talent, but nobody is taking care of them at the

early age of 12 or 13," he said.

Many see a golden opportunity for poor, talented African youths.

"They're doing African football a big favor. ... They (Qataris) have a lot of money, and this is better than just putting up new stadiums," said former World Soccer magazine editor Keir Radnedge.

Added sports economist Andrew Zimbalist of Smith College in Massachusetts: "They're endowing them with skills, they're giving them market exposure they might not otherwise get. ... I don't see how that's exploitative."

Others worry that Qatar's real aim is to enrich its own national teams down the road — something it has tried before. There also are fears the program may not have enough social safety nets in place for those young athletes who don't make the final cut.

"This might be a good idea for the very small number of kids involved, though few of them are actually likely to make it as professional players," said John Williams, director for the Centre for the Sociology of Sport at the University of Leicester. But he asks: "What happens to those who fail? ... Educational and other support backup is crucial here."

Either way, Qatar's massive recruitment of young Africans, backed by the country's oil and gas riches, is certain to raise concerns, not just across a Mideast increasingly wild about sports, but in the rest of the soccer world.

"What I would say to the people in Qatar who are thinking of doing this is, 'Be careful, you are dealing with children,'" said Tunisia soccer coach Roger Lemerre, who led France to win the European Championship in 2000 and was coaching this week in the African Cup of Nations.

Aspire held 25,000 soccer matches at almost 600 fields in Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal and

South Africa from May through November 2007, distributing 35,000 soccer balls and more than 15,000 jerseys. Among those who tried out was a boy who had 26 siblings and another who came in the only shoes he owned — a pair of dress shoes, cracked and full of holes.

It chose three players from each country and three goalkeepers, and flew them to Qatar for a month of tryouts. One was Bassey, a midfielder from southern Nigeria who impressed scouts with his juggling even before the tryouts began. Out of the 24 players chosen, 23 remain because one was sent home for medical reasons, school officials said without providing details.

Aspire, which will offer its scholarship winners a high school education alongside sports training, does not appear to break any rules of soccer's governing body, FIFA, which prohibits professional clubs from moving players under 18 across borders.

Ivan Gazidis, deputy commissioner of Major League Soccer in the United States, said the FIFA rules have "reduced some of the more extreme circumstances of child exploitation."

While not directly affiliated with a professional soccer club, Aspire officials say they will own the players' rights, acting as their agents when they begin playing professionally.

Aspire is one of many soccer academies that FIFA has little ability to govern, although it has in general expressed strong concerns about the increasing movement of young Africans from their home countries.

FIFA refused to comment directly on Aspire "without having the complete official information on its activities."

European and Latin American professional clubs and academies have long

Deal

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Bill Smith called teams last weekend and asked them to make their best offers. Smith informed the Mets on Tuesday that he was accepting their proposal, which included their Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 7 prospects, according to Baseball America's ranking. New York did not include its top farmhand, outfielder Fernando Martinez.

A left-hander who turns 29 in March, Santana gives the Mets a replacement for Tom Glavine, who left New York to return to the Atlanta Braves. New York, trying to bounce back from a record-setting September collapse last season, has a projected rotation that also includes Pedro Martinez, John Maine, Orlando Hernandez and Oliver Perez.

Santana is 93-44 with a 3.22 ERA in eight major league seasons, winning the AL Cy Young Award in 2004 and 2006. He has been less successful in the playoffs, going 1-3 with a 3.97 ERA.

"For our younger pitchers to develop under a guy like Pedro, a guy like Johan, you can't ask for any better situation," Wright said. "He's going to go out there and he's going to give you seven or eight innings every five days and he's going to get you a win. That's just what it comes down to. I've gotten a chance to get to know him a little bit the past couple years. He seems like a great clubhouse guy. He's going to fit in perfectly with the chemistry that we have."

Humber, a 25-year-old right-hander, has made one start and four relief appearances for the Mets during the past two years, and went 11-9 with a 4.27 ERA last season for Triple-A New Orleans. The 22-year-old Gomez batted .232 in 125 at-bats with New York last year and .275 with 19 steals in the minors.

Guerra, who turns 19 in April, was 2-6 with a 4.01 ERA at Class A St. Lucie, and Mulvey, who will be 23 in May, was 12-10 with a 3.20 ERA in 26 starts at Double-A Binghamton and one at New Orleans.

COMMUNITY DIGEST

2008 Girls Youth Softball League

Registration for the 2008 girls youth softball league is now open at the City of Ukiah. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their grade level.

The following divisions will be utilized: K-2 in tee-ball, grades 3-4 in pitching machine, and grades 5-6 and 7-12 will be placed together.

League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost is \$50 per player and the deadline is March 7, 2008. Forms are available at the City of Ukiah office (411 West Clay) and online at www.cityofukiah.com. For more info call 463-6714.

Girls 6-on-6 Soccer League

Registration for the 2008 girls 6-on-6 youth soccer league is currently open and running through March 28th. Teams will consist of girls ages 13 through 19. The registration fee is \$200 per team while player fees of \$20 will be collected at the first games with team rosters. Teams will be scheduled for 12 games (6 double-headers) on Sundays from late April through early June.

For questions regarding the league or to register your team, please contact 463-6714.

Hall of Fame dinner and induction

Mendocino College Athletic Hall of Fame is hosting its annual induction and dinner on Feb. 16 2008 at Barra of Mendocino (formerly Redwood Valley Cellars), 7501 North State Street, Redwood Valley.

The inductees are: Jeff Schueller, Matt Belfanti, Desiree Schroeder, Yancy Clark, Dale Fischer, and Skip Hunter.

A no host wine tasting social hour begins at 6p.m. followed by dinner at 7 and induction at 8. Come and enjoy a wonderfully catered buffet and music provided by Marc Hansen. Seating is limited. Call 468-3255 for tickets.

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Johnson leads San Diego to 63-55 upset over No. 21 Saint Mary's

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Thanks to the 1-2 punch of Brandon Johnson and Gyno Pomare, Saint Mary's second stay in the Top 25 this season may be as short as its first.

Johnson scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half and Pomare had 20 to lead San Diego to a 63-55 victory over No. 21 Saint Mary's on Monday night, hours after the Gaels moved into the poll.

For the second time this season the Gaels lost in their first game after moving into The Associated Press' Top 25.

Saint Mary's (17-3, 4-1 West Coast Conference) lost at Southern Illinois 71-56 on Dec. 11, the day after the Gaels moved into the poll at No. 24 for the first time since March 1989. They dropped out of the rankings until Monday.

Coach Randy Bennett had two reasons for his team having its five-game winning streak snapped and dropping to 0-2 in its first games after reaching the Top 25.

"Those are two of the best players in the league and they played like it tonight," Bennett said of Johnson and

Pomare.

The game was the only one involving a ranked team Monday.

San Diego's victory was just its third over a Top 25 opponent in the school's history, and its first since a win over No. 14 UCLA in 2002.

Pomare and Johnson combined to score the first 14 points of the second half for the Toreros (11-11, 4-1) as they erased a 29-24 halftime deficit. Johnson also keyed San Diego's 10-0 run that gave the Toreros a 58-48 lead with 1:54 left in the game.

"(Coach Bill Grier) pointed me out at halftime and told me I needed to come with it," Johnson said.

After getting the deciding run started with a 3-pointer, Johnson added another 3, and ended the spurt with a reverse layup.

"The first half he was trying to do too much," Grier said. "Our offense was shutting down when the ball hit his hands. When he gets going like that, he's pretty much hard to stop."

Patrick Mills led the Gaels with 13 points and Omar

Samhan added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Toreros' second-half surge was fueled by 66.7 percent shooting from the field and a defense that limited Saint Mary's to just 33.3 percent shooting. Many of San Diego's baskets came off defensive pressure that led to easy points.

"I thought we came out there with a lot of stops early and played off of that," Pomare said.

San Diego trailed 29-18 with 2:35 left in the first half when Pomare scored on three straight possessions to cut the halftime deficit to 29-24.

Johnson's fast-break basket 7 1/2 minutes into the second half gave San Diego a 38-35 lead, which it surrendered just once the rest of the way.

"We didn't do a good job on Brandon," said Gaels guard Todd Golden, who finished with nine points, all on 3-pointers in the second half.

Ukiah boys drop Pumas

For the Daily Journal
On Friday, the Ukiah freshmen boys basketball team improved to 14-5 overall and 7-2 in league with a 53-43 win over Maria Carrillo.

The Cats jumped out to a 16-8 first quarter lead only to see the Pumas explode for 21 second quarter points while holding Ukiah to just eight, enabling them to take a 29-24 lead into halftime.

The Cats came out clawing in the third quarter utilizing their fastbreak offense and tough 'd' in creating turnovers and easy baskets.

Ukiah outscored Maria Carrillo 16-5, allowing them to enter the fourth quarter with a seven-point lead at 40-33.

The Wildcats would increase their lead to double-digits in the fourth and would never be threatened from that then on.

Dominic Eaquinto led the scoring with 17 points while Nate Henry added 14.

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Dreams

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recruited the young, mostly locally, but also in Africa and elsewhere.

At IMG Academies in Bradenton, Fla., students in the soccer program may enter at age 10. The school has students from overseas but does not recruit like Aspire, it said. And unlike Aspire, it allows its young players to sign with whatever agent they want, if they go professional.

A bigger issue is naturalization: FIFA has strongly criticized aggressive naturalization of players with few links to their new countries and tightened its rules after denying Qatar’s attempt to grant three Brazilian players citizenship to help it qualify for the 2006 World Cup.

Aspire officials deny naturalization is their goal, saying they hope the Africans’ intense drive instead will motivate Qatari players whose work ethic they say has been dulled by a lifetime of affluence.

But Aspire does not rule out naturalization, either.

“When making agreements, we are not requiring them to play for Qatar. We leave it up to them,” said Aspire’s German sports director, Andreas Bleicher. “A player might be here for five years, and if he wants to play for Qatar, we would not say it is impossible.”

In addition to the three Brazilians, Qatar gave passports and Arabic names to eight Bulgarians shortly before the 1999 world weightlifting championships in exchange for an undisclosed sum of money. One of them, Saelem Nayef Badr, won two gold medals at that event. Kenyan runner Stephen Cherono also later changed his name to Saif Saaeed Shaheen and set a world record in the steeplechase in 2004.

Radnedge said he would expect many of the African players to become naturalized Qatari citizens.

“If they’re there for ... years and find a much better lifestyle there, your natural inclination would be to embrace it,” he said.

Most of FIFA’s concerns focus on outright trafficking — the practice of local agents, often unscrupulous or with few credentials, cutting deals with young players or their families, and then marketing them to professional clubs.

Some believe FIFA should be even more aggressive.

Jean-Claude Mbvoumin, head of Culture Foot Solidaire, a charity set up to help African teenage players trafficked to Europe, asked FIFA last year to stop Aspire’s talent search because he believed it violated the spirit of the international rules on moving athletes under 18.

Aspire defends its program, saying it is providing opportunity to the players.

“Some of these children came from the poorest areas and had nothing,” Bleicher said. “They didn’t have shoes,

they didn’t have a ball, so they used what they had to play: a Coke bottle or a ball made out of socks. Their only dream is to become a professional football player and leave the poverty of the area.”

It adds that it works closely with parents, consulting with them before moving the children abroad. The academy has not said if the players’ families will move with them to Qatar — something sociologist Williams calls key to their protection — or how it will help those who fail.

It also points to support it has received from African soccer federations and from figures such as Pele, widely considered the world’s greatest player.

Aspire said it is considering opening an academy in Africa someday, a possible response to activists’ criticism.

It is not clear how much Aspire spent on its recruitment drive, but the government budgeted \$2 billion to build its Sports City, which includes Aspire and its facilities, among them the largest multipurpose indoor sports dome ever built.

There’s a stadium that can seat 15,000 people, and 10 individual arenas. Facilities include a running track, swimming pool, gymnastics arena, squash courts and a full-sized indoor soccer field, all housed within a climate-controlled environment to counter the soaring heat in the Gulf region.

Midfielder Bernard Appiah of Ghana marveled at the lush grass on the soccer field.

“Normally, we just play in the sand sometimes, but we don’t have this kind of grass, only like sand,” he said.

Asked if it was difficult to leave Ghana for Qatar, Appiah replied, “It is not easy, but by the grace of God, everything is good.”

Colomer said he came up with the idea of an African talent search while working as youth director at Barcelona, one of Spain’s top clubs. But he held off pursuing it until he came to Qatar in 2005, because he thought the idea would be criticized.

“If it is a club, everyone will say the club is stealing players,” said Colomer, who brought Argentine teenage star Lionel Messi to Barcelona. “But if it is an academy, people will say the school is giving the kids an opportunity.”

All that leaves many feeling conflicted.

Karim Haggui, a 24-year-old Tunisian who plays for Bayer Leverkusen in Germany but competed this month in the African Cup in Ghana, said he sees the Qatari academy as both an opportunity — and possible exploitation.

“There are a lot of youngsters — a lot of talent — who are here and who finish their careers in Africa without anyone ever seeing them,” Haggui said. But if Africans end up playing for another country’s national team, he added, “it becomes commerce.”



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Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	18	3	59	125	115
Philadelphia	27	16	5	59	160	138
Pittsburgh	27	18	4	58	143	133
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	6	54	124	141
N.Y. Rangers	24	21	6	54	124	129

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	31	15	4	66	174	145
Montreal	26	15	8	60	154	136
Boston	25	19	5	55	129	133
Buffalo	21	21	6	48	142	139
Toronto	20	23	8	48	142	164

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170
Washington	23	22	5	51	147	156
Atlanta	23	25	4	50	141	175
Florida	22	24	5	49	130	147
Tampa Bay	20	25	5	45	145	168

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	10	4	78	174	110
Columbus	25	20	6	56	128	126
Nashville	25	20	5	55	146	138
St. Louis	22	19	7	51	123	136
Chicago	23	23	4	50	139	143

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	28	19	3	59	138	138
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26	19	5	57	131	121
Colorado	26	20	4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23	24	5	51	140	158

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	20	5	61	154	138
San Jose	27	15	7	61	129	119
Anaheim	27	20	6	60	135	137
Phoenix	26	21	2	54	135	134
Los Angeles	20	29	2	42	143	169

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix 4, Columbus 2

Boston 3, Nashville 1

Carolina 3, N.Y. Rangers 1

Ottawa 5, N.Y. Islanders 2

Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 2

Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2

Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 2, OT

St. Louis 3, Toronto 2

Montreal 4, Washington 0

San Jose at Edmonton, Late

Dallas at Vancouver, Late

Wednesday's Games

Anaheim at Minnesota, 4 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 4 p.m.

Phoenix at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.

Buffalo at Florida, 4:30 p.m.

Chicago at Colorado, 6:30 p.m.

San Jose at Calgary, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Toronto at Carolina, 4 p.m.

Montreal at Washington, 4 p.m.

Los Angeles at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Boston at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.

Columbus at Nashville, 5 p.m.

New Orleans 32, 12 .727 —

Dallas 31, 13 .705 1

San Antonio 28, 15 .651 3 1/2

Houston 24, 20 .545 8

Memphis 13, 32 .28919 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	18	.600	—
Denver	26	19	.591	1/2
Portland	26	18	.591	1/2
Seattle	9	35	.20517	1/2
Minnesota	8	35	.186	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	32	13	.711	—
L.A. Lakers	27	15	.643	3 1/2
Golden State	27	18	.600	5
Sacramento	19	24	.442	12
L.A. Clippers	13	28	.317	17

Monday's Games

Dallas 103, Memphis 84

New Orleans 117, Denver 93

Utah 97, San Antonio 91

Charlotte 107, L.A. Clippers 100

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 110, Indiana 104

Washington 108, Toronto 104, OT

Boston 117, Miami 87

New Jersey 87, Milwaukee 80

Chicago 96, Minnesota 85

Houston 111, Golden State 107

Atlanta at Phoenix, Late

San Antonio at Seattle, Late

New York at L.A. Lakers, Late

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Orlando, 4 p.m.

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Washington at Toronto, 4 p.m.

Denver at Memphis, 5 p.m.

Chicago at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

Golden State at New Orleans, 5 p.m.

New York at Utah, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Portland, 6 p.m.

Charlotte at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.

Dallas at Boston, 5 p.m.

Cleveland at Seattle, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Richie Gardner, LHP Tyler Pelland, LHP Alexander Smit, RHP Daryl Thompson, RHP Sergio Valenzuela, C Ryan Hanigan, C Craig Tatum, INF Paul Janisch, INF Joey Votto and OF Chris Dickerson on one-year contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Brian Moehler and INF-OF David Newhan on minor league contracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Ramon Martinez on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed F Chris Webber. Waived G Troy Hudson.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Suspended C Stromile Swift one game for conduct detrimental to the team.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Assigned G Mickael Gelabale to Idaho (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Keith Armstrong special teams coordinator, Jeff Fish strength & conditioning coach, Bill Hughson assistant strength & conditioning coach, and Tom McMahon assistant special teams coach.

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed TE Teyo Johnson.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed P Glenn Pakulak.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed Romeo Crennel, coach, to a two-year contract extension through the 2011 season.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Dave Campo secondary coach.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with LW Raitis Ivanans on a two-year contract extension.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed G Erik Robertson, LB Antwan Applewhite, LB Terna Nande, DE Andre Coleman, DE Keith Greanan, RB Eldra Buckley, DT Keith Jackson, OT Tony Pape and S Tra Battle to one-year contracts.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed DT Walter Curry.

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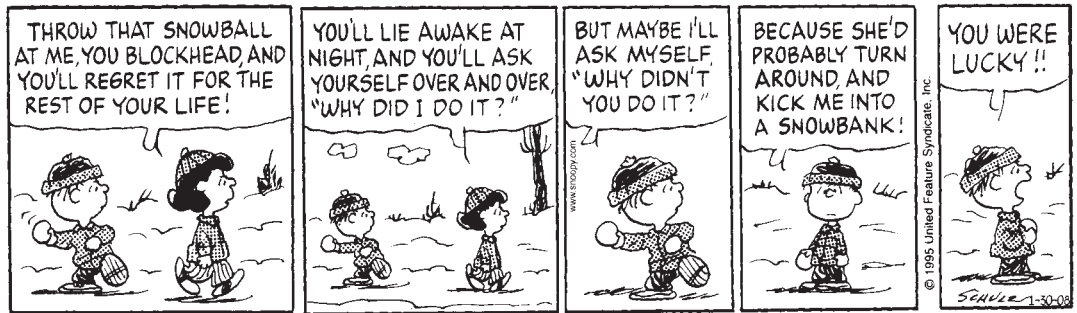
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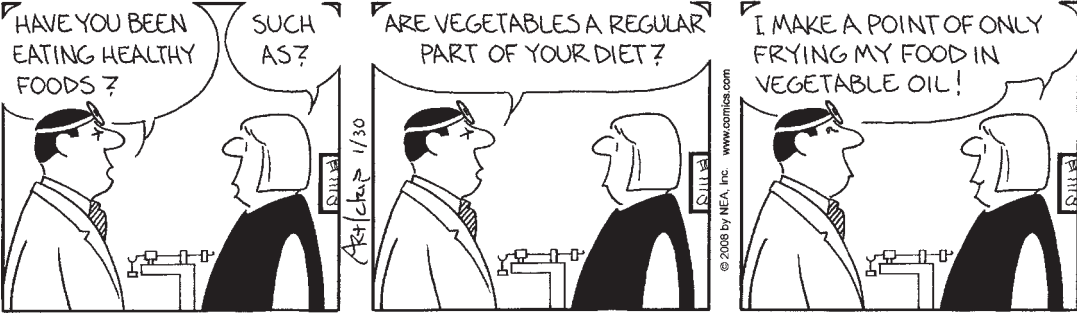
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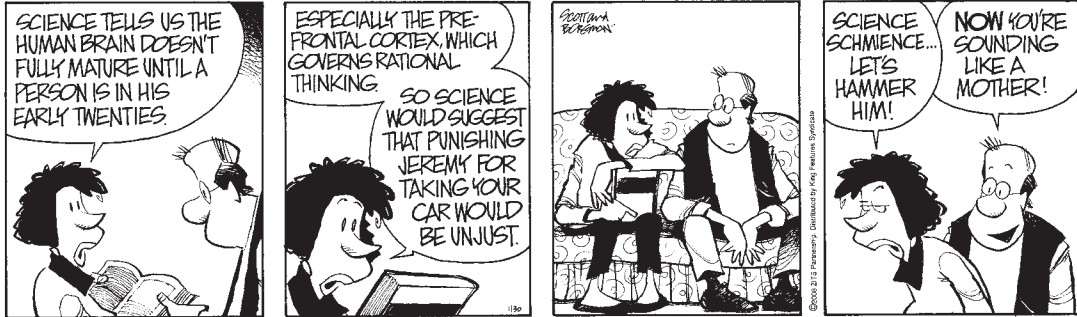
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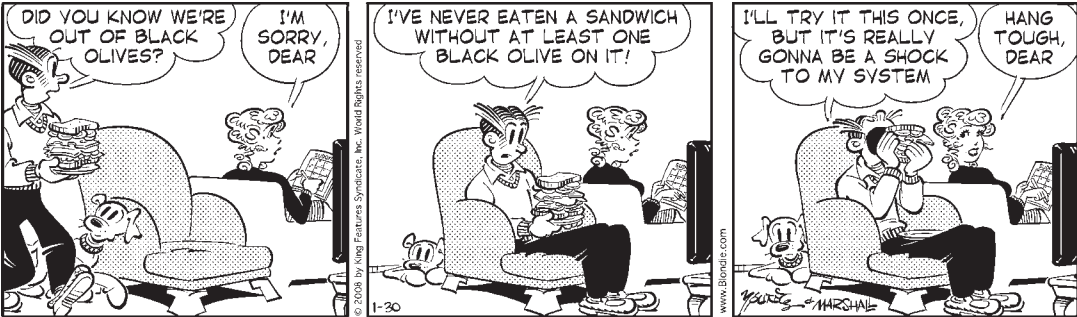
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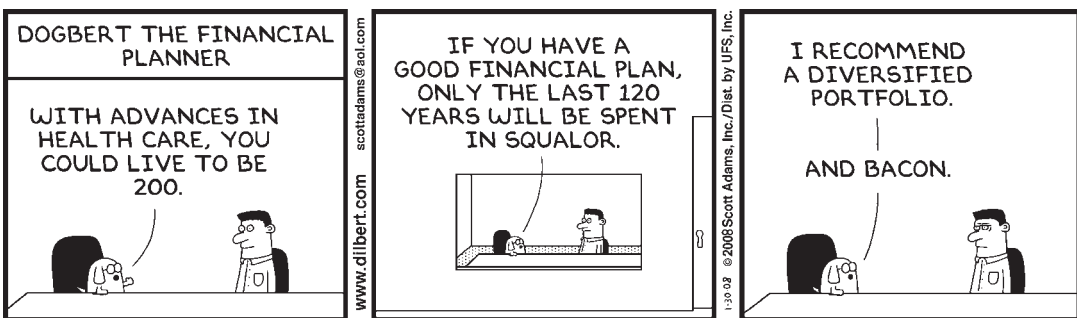
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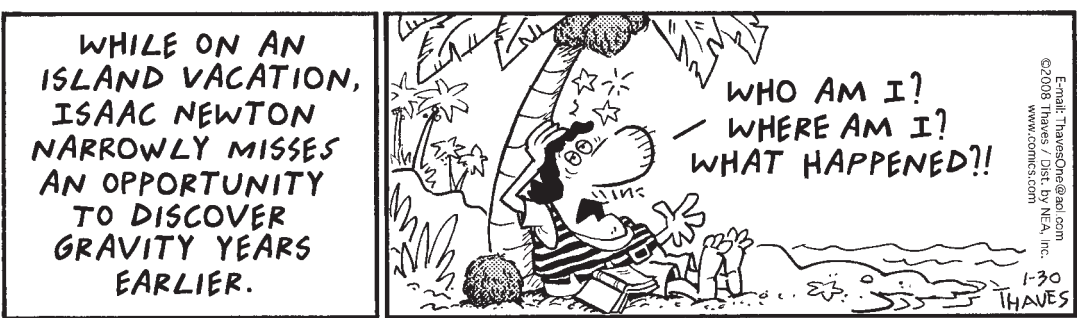
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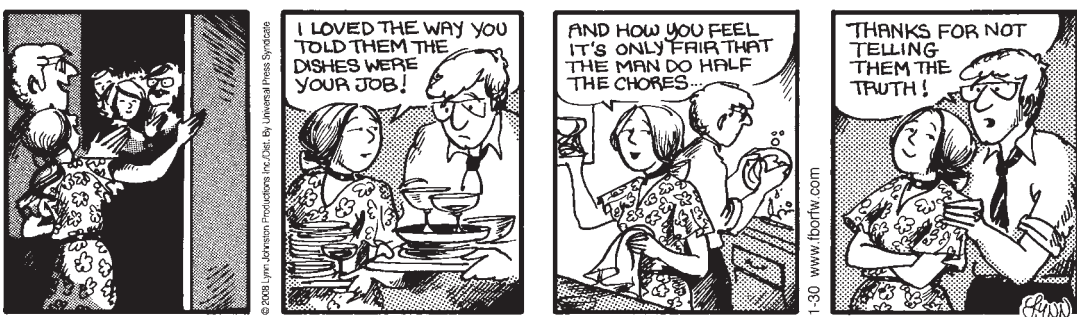
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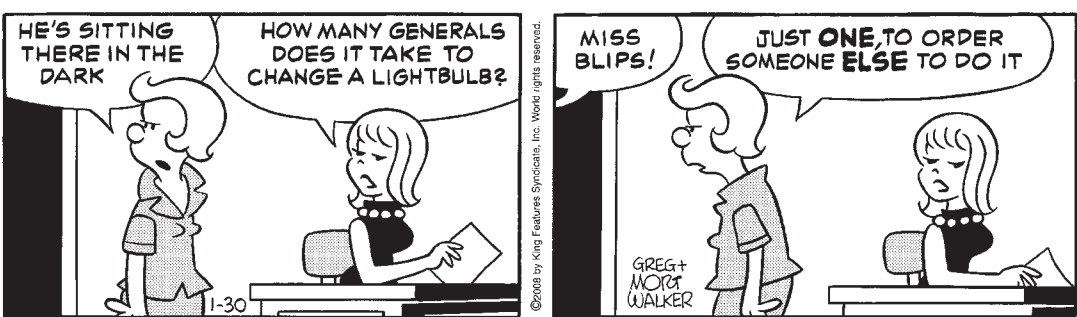
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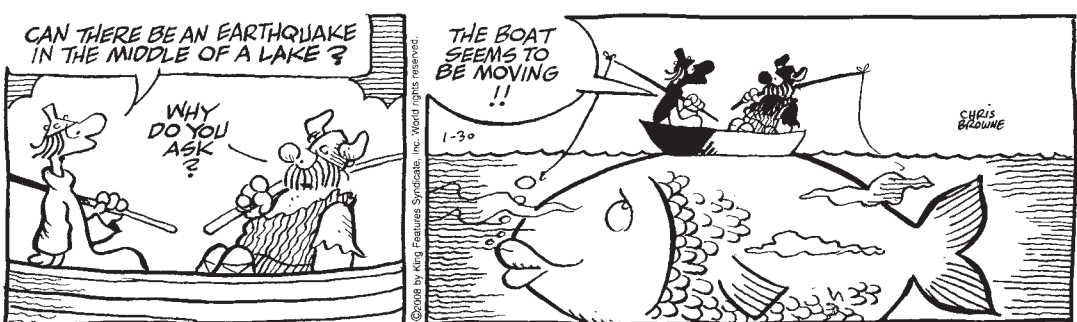
DOONESBURY

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

by Dik Browne



Datebook: Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008

Today is the 30th day of 2008 and the 40th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed.

In 1943, German troops surrendered in Stalingrad, ending World War II's bloodiest battle.

In 2005, Iraqi citizens voted in the first free elections in a half-century despite surrounding violence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. president; Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989), historian;

Gene Hackman (1930-), actor, is 78; Tammy Grimes (1934-), actress/singer, is 74; Dick Cheney (1941-), U.S. vice president, is 67; Jalen Rose (1973-), basketball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 2002, Karl Malone became the second NBA player (after Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) to score 34,000 career points.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In our personal ambitions we are individualists. But in our

seeking for economic and political progress as a nation, we all go up, or else we all go down, as one people." -- Franklin D. Roosevelt

TODAY'S FACT: In 1660, after the restoration of the monarchy, the body of Oliver Cromwell, who had ruled England for nine years following the execution of Charles I, was disinterred and hanged.

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (Jan. 30).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008

In the year ahead, conditions will be right for making some important, long-contemplated changes in your life. Not all times will be completely optimal, but you'll figure out when it will be best to make things happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 19) -- Conditions are favorable for doing most anything you would like to do. If you want to launch a new project, make your move now while you are easily able to translate ideas into action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can do exceptionally well when it comes to handling challenges or competitive developments. Don't be afraid and try to sidestep your objectives just because there are a few boulders on the road.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Play everything free and footloose, and you will find that you will be able to easily and effectively cope with most testy developments that might occur. Having a good attitude will help a lot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- If you're alert and on your toes, you'll have an excellent chance to uncover something that could be financially advantageous. Pay particular attention to any kind of secondary sources for material gain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- It behooves you to keep everything in proper symmetry in all areas of your life. If you allow adequate time for taking care of responsibilities

-- but still allot some hours for fun -- it'll put your system in good balance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Take pride in all that you attempt to do, and you will find that even the most dreaded tasks become less arduous. However, if you're indifferent toward your work, the results will reflect that as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Because you like the feeling of winning, involvements that have elements of friendly competition will be the ones from which you'll derive the most pleasure. You'll have lots of fun trying to best the other guy or gal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take the time to tidy up

situations, projects or tasks that require some finishing touches. One of your talents is being a strong closer, so trade on this asset and clear up all those little things left hanging.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't be reticent about trying to juggle several assignments simultaneously, because the more you have to handle, the better organized you'll get, and the better you are likely to perform. You'll enjoy the challenge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Conditions in general look exceptionally favorable, but you're likely to perform best in situations where you have to deal strictly with tangibles. You'd rather work with your hands instead of mental shadows.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Free yourself from binding encumbrances and people who aren't able to maintain your pace. You are one of the signs who functions best operating independently as much as possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If the pressures have become too demanding lately, this will be a good time to go off by yourself to a private place. Solitude will stimulate the solutions you're looking for.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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Puzzlers

ACROSS

1 Coach — Rockne

6 Touch-and-go

12 Out to lunch

14 Swelled outward

15 Items of business

16 Hamburger extra

17 Double curve

18 Viper

19 Acquired

21 Equipment

23 Corral

26 More than ask

27 Chest muscle

28 Fruit-stand buy

30 Narrow inlet

31 Hot time in Quebec

32 Burnt up

33 Later than

35 Aleta's son

37 Cobbler

38 Kind of jacket

39 Figure out

40 Grassy surface

41 Collide with

42 Jiffy

43 Way to satori

44 Devotee's suffix

46 Meadow browser

48 Eye part

51 Martens

55 China and Japan

56 Saunter

57 Lifts

58 Not tasteful

DOWN

1 Mauna —

2 Racehorse

3 Pass near Pikes Peak

4 Antler prongs

5 Purposes

6 Kapitan's command (hyph.)

7 Some sisters

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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THE LEARNING CHALLENGER

by Robert Barnett

DIRECTIONS:

A. Using each "Chaos Grid" number with its letter one time, arrange the numbers with their letters for the "Order Grid" so each vertical column, horizontal row, and two diagonals each ADD to numbers inside thick lined cells.

B. Some correct numbers with their letters have been put into the "Order Grid" to get you started. Also, above the "Order Grid" is a "Decoded Message" clue.

C. After you have solved the "Order Grid" doing as direction "A" says, put the letters from horizontal rows, from left to right, under "Decoded Message" and make words to form the answer.

CHAOS GRID

19	13	17	16
I	C	N	R
11	20	12	15
S	H	E	L
18	18	16	16
R	L	I	A
17	12	19	17
A	O	Y	T

CLUE: A SCOT

ORDER GRID

				64
				64
		19		64
		I		64
	13		18	64
	C		R	64
15				64
L				64
64	64	64	64	64

1/30/2008

DECODED MESSAGE:

ANSWERS IN NEXT EDITION

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Answers to Previous Learning Challenger

A VERY SMALL PREFIX

72	1	-4	65
A	V	E	R
18	43	47	26
Y	S	M	A
45	23	21	45
L	L	P	R
-1	67	70	-2
E	F	I	X

1/29/2008

Run in papers of Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. Today's clue: B equals P

" WTGCIW KYWH T WTPXCW IR RIC CGHC STI KYW; XCIYMH KYWH T WTPXCW IR RIC CGHC STI HCC. " - T P W K M P H S K R B C I K T M C P

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted." - John Lennon

"So get a few laughs and do the best you can." - Will Rogers

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BIASS

ROARB

KLACEY

THEIRE


Print answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHAOS SLANT DEPICT UNTRUE

Answer: What she wore to her yoga class — "STRETCH" PANTS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Cicero's in the lead

FOLLOWED THE HORSES IN ANCIENT ROME.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Wronged wife makes rejoining team a fearful prospect

Dear Annie: A year ago, I had an affair that lasted nearly 12 months. I confessed the whole thing to my husband, answered all his questions and endured the subsequent hurt, anger and doubt. I have done everything I can to prove that I am trustworthy, and we are more connected to each other now than we have ever been.

I also wrote a letter of apology to the wife of the man with whom I had the affair. She didn't respond and I didn't expect her to, but it made me feel better to come clean. Several months after the affair ended, her husband called my cell phone, but I didn't pick up. I told my husband about the call and made sure his wife was also informed. I'd hoped to prove I was not having any contact with him, and to make it clear to him that I would not tolerate any more phone calls.

Here is my problem: I've been on a competitive sports team for nearly 10 years. Before the affair, the wife was on my team. When the

ANNIE'S MAILBOX

By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

affair ended, I voluntarily joined a different league. But I miss my old friends and would like to rejoin the old team. It is likely the wife will not appreciate this. Although I have no idea how she will react, I feel ready to face it.

In view of the hurt and violation I have caused this woman and the likelihood that I may reopen old wounds by rejoining the team, am I obliged to stay away forever? Do I have a right to go back? -- Want to Play

Dear Want to Play: You may be ready to "face it," but we highly doubt the wife feels the same. We commend you for ending the affair and being totally aboveboard. However, there are still consequences, and one of them is when

you encounter the wronged spouse, YOU are the one who must retreat. This league is hers now. Unless she decides to quit, please stay where you are. Otherwise, it will look as if you are throwing the affair in her face and we don't believe that is the impression you wish to give.

Dear Annie: I am a freshman in high school and I like wearing black and neon colors. But people stereotype me because of that and think I'm a deadbeat.

I'm in honors classes and am very involved in school. I usually don't care what people say about me, but someone started a rumor that I use marijuana. My religion is against all drugs and I find such rumors extremely offensive. I also am concerned that I may get into legal trouble if someone believes it. How can I get people to stop starting rumors about me without changing how I appear? -- No Druggie

Dear No Druggie: You aren't going to be arrested on the flimsy basis of innuendo. It's a shame people judge you on the basis of your appearance, but that is always going to be a fact of life and you'd best learn to deal with it.

This kind of rumor can be quashed by holding your head up and showing others who you truly are. Also, ask your friends to help spread the word that the pot-smoking is a lie. If it gets out of hand, discuss it with your parents and the principal.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Missing My Little Brother," who kept receiving mail addressed to her late sibling. The same thing happened to me when my son died.

I wrote to the three main credit bureaus asking that his credit report be marked "Deceased." I included his social security number and a copy of the death certificate. After that, I stopped receiving mail addressed to him. -- Roanoke, Va.

Dear Roanoke: A great suggestion. Readers can contact Equifax (equifax.com) at P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374; TransUnion (transunion.com) at P.O. Box 505, Woodlyn, PA 19094; and Experian (experian.com) at 901 West Bond, Lincoln, NE 68521, Attn: Consumer Services Department.

WEDNESDAY EVENING											
1/30/08	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
BROADCAST CHANNELS											
(2)	News	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	American Idol	The Moment of Truth	Ten O'clock News	Seinfeld			
(4)	News (N)	Extra (N)	Hollywood	Deal or No Deal		Law Order: CI	Law & Order (N)	News (N)			
(5)	News (N)		News (N)	Judge J.	Power of 10 (N)	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY	News (N)			
(6)	News (N)	Jeopardy!	Fortune	Wife Swap (N)		Lost "Through the Looking Glass"	American Masters	News (N)			
(6)	News-Lehrer	Viewfinder	America	Ballroom Chall		Ballroom Chall		Ballroom			
(8)	Paparazzi	La Ex	Película: "Furia Roja" (1951), Emilia Guíu			La Ex		Night Show			
(9)	News-Lehrer	Business	Spark	Ballroom Chall	Niagara Falls	Eden at the End		Truly Ca.			
(9)	Fresh Pr.	My Wife	Jim	Law & Order	News	Jim	Married...	Reno 911!			
(38)	Still Stnd	70s Show	News (N)	TMZ (N)	Cops	Seinfeld	70s Show	Frasier	Frasier	TMZ	
(40)	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Two Men	Raymond	American Idol (N)	The Moment of Truth	Gossip Girl	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two Men	
(44)	Lopez	Simpsons	Simpsons	Two Men	Crowned-Pageants						
(50)	The Insider	Entertain	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Raymond	Raymond	Frasier	Frasier	The Insider	Entertain	Blind Date
CABLE CHANNELS											
A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami "Lost Son"	CSI: Miami "Pro Per"	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami					
AMC	"Lara Croft Tomb Raider"		Movie: ★★ "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise.	Movie: ★★ "U.S. Marshals"							
COM	"Overnight Delivery"	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Reno 911!	Daily Show		
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	MythBusters	MythBusters	Smash Lab		MythBust		
DISN	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	★★★ "The Emperor's New Groove"	So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life		
ESPN	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Portland Trail Blazers.		SportsCenter (Live)		NFL Live	SpoCenter			SportsCtr.		
FAM	Movie: ★★★ "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver.		Movie: ★★★ "Holes" (2003) Sigourney Weaver.						700 Club		
FSB	NBA Basketball: Warriors at Hornets	NHL Hockey: Sharks at Flames		Final Score	Best-Sports	Final Score			Sports		
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	Movie: "Glass House: The Good Mother"		Will-Grace		
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SCI FI	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters			Ghost Hunters		Twilight Z.	Twilight Z.	The X-Files		
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	Payne	Payne	Payne	Sex & City	
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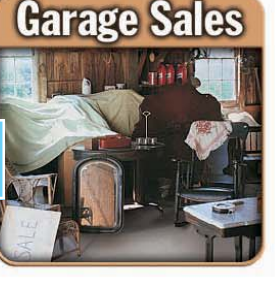
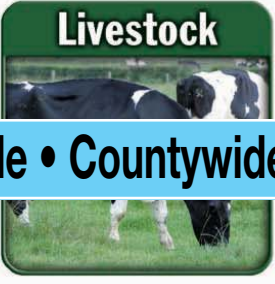
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1-16,23,30/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS # CA-07-105892-DL Loan # 1004818736 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/30/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): BARBARA NELSON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 9/10/2004 as Instrument No. 2004-20647 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California; Date of Sale: 2/5/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$354,742.72 The purported property address is: 122 CRESTA DRIVEUKIAH, CA 95482 Assessors Parcel No. 003-540-07-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 1/13/2008 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelitysasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 963076 01/16/2008, 01/23/2008, 01/30/2008.

048-08

1/23,30,2-6,13/08

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. SCUk CVPT '07 50431 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, Court House, Ukiah, CA 95482 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: Julia Cutler on behalf of Andrew and Sierra Forsberg THE COURT FINDS that Petitioner(s) Julia Cutler has/have filed a Petition for Change of Applicant(s)' name FROM Andrew Alyosha Forsberg TO Andrew Alyosha Nunez-Forsberg FROM Sierra Jean Forsberg TO Sierra Jean Nunez-Forsberg THE COURT ORDERS All people interested in this matter appear before this court to show cause why this application for change of name should not be granted on: HEARING DATE: 3-7-08 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept E, located at Court House, 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482 Dated: Dec. 3, 2007 /s/Richard J. Henderson RICHARD J. HENDERSON Judge of the Superior Court

022-08

1-30,2-6,13/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS # CA-07-108413-BL Loan # 0008380750 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/18/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RAUL MENDEZ, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 8/2/2005 as Instrument No. 16729 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California; Date of Sale: 2/19/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$282,526.22 The purported property address is: 340 NORGARD LN UKIAH, CA 95482 Assessors Parcel No. 184-080-03-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 1/26/2008 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelitysasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 967970 01/30/2008, 02/06/2008, 02/13/2008.

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034-08

1-16,23,30,2-6/08 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2008-F0015 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: LINDA DELIVERS 1057 N. State St Ukiah, CA 95482 Linda Ryan 1057 N. State St Ukiah, CA 95482 This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-15-08. Endorsed-Filed on 01/07/2008 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Linda Ryan LINDA RYAN

047-08

1-23,30,2-6,13/08 STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO: 2004-F0180 The following person (persons) have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name: THE HAIR CO. 367 North State St Ukiah, CA 95482 Melissa Murphy 8640 Middle Terrace Redwood Valley, CA 95470 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in County on 3/15/04. This business was conducted by an individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino County on Jan 14 2008. /s/Melissa Murphy MELISSA MURPHY

062-08

1-30,2-6,13/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 07-79372CA Insurer # Loan No. 0000341380 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/9/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ AND NADINE AGUILAR RODRIGUEZ HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: SPECIALIZED INC. Recorded 10/17/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-20706 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Mendocino County, California. Date of Sale: 2/19/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, City of Ukiah Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$432,651.17 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 581 JEFFERSON LANE UKIAH, CA 95482 A.P.N.: 180-210-20-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 1/22/2008 Specialized, Inc., Trustee Specialized, Inc. c/o Northwest Trustee Services, Inc. 505 N. Tustin, Suite 243 Santa Ana, CA 92705 (866) 387-6987 Sale Information - www.usa-foreclosure.com Joseph Barragan, THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FE#1002.83223 1/30,2/06,2/13/2008.

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050-08

1-23,30,2-6,13/08 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2008-F0813 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: REDWOOD COAST FUELS 50 W. Lake Mendocino Dr Ukiah, CA 95482 Nick Barbieri Trucking, LLC 50 W. Lake Mendocino Dr. Ukiah, CA 95482 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-1-2008. Endorsed-Filed on 12/14/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Nick Barbieri NICK BARBIERI Owner

069-08

1-30,2-6,13,20/08 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2008-F0057 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: TWIN FIN VINES 12901 Old River Rd PO Box 611 Hopland, CA 95449 FETZER VINEYARDS 12901 Old River Rd PO Box 611 Hopland, CA 95449 This business is conducted by a Corporation. State of incorporation: California. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on July 1992. Endorsed-Filed on 01/28/2008 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Sandy O'Ferrall SANDY O'FERRALL Compliance

PUBLIC NOTICE

072-08

1-30,2-6,13,20/08 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2008-F0058 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: TUCKSTOP DINER 76290 Commercial St PO Box 788 Covelo, CA 95428 Tony Frank Tucker 23825 Howard St Covelo, CA 95428 Rebecca Mae Tucker 23825 Howard St Covelo, CA 95428 This business is conducted by Husband & Wife. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/30/08. Endorsed-Filed on 1/28/2008 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Tony Frank Tucker TONY FRANK TUCKER

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NOTICES

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LOST & FOUND

FOUND, female cat. Late Dec. Westside. Black & grey tiger stripe w/white belly and legs. 462-4227

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I was high tailing it down HWY 253 two miles west of HWY 101. The rain caressing my face, not aware that I was in serious danger of being hit by a car. Luckily for me one of this car stopped and brought me to the Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Rd. . I am a male, blue merle Queensland Heeler. If I am yours please come get me or call Sage 467-6453

LOST: One best friend since childhood. Name: TERRY WILSON JR. If found, please have him contact me via email at: cougar-song@ccountry.net Medford, OR

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LOST & FOUND



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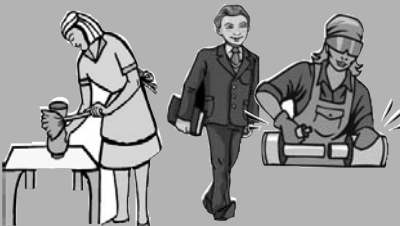
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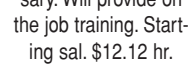
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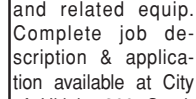
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TODAY

48°

A little rain this morning; otherwise, cloudy

TONIGHT

38°

Cloudy and seasonably cool

THURSDAY

51°

40°

Breezy and rainy



FRIDAY

49°

37°

Cloudy with a chance of rain

SUN AND MOON

 Sunrise today 7:22 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:31 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:18 a.m.
Moonset today 11:10 a.m.

MOON PHASES

New First Full Last

Feb. 6 Feb. 13 Feb. 20 Feb. 28

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Ukiah through 2 p.m. Tuesday

Temperature	
High	43
Low	31
Normal high	58
Normal low	38
Record high	77 in 1931
Record low	19 in 1957
Precipitation	
24 hrs to 2 p.m. Tue.	0.50"
Month to date	11.15"
Normal month to date	7.42"
Season to date	20.78"
Last season to date	10.81"
Normal season to date	21.72"

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REGIONAL WEATHER



CALIFORNIA CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Anaheim	61/42/c	65/44/pc	Napa	53/39/r	53/40/r
Antioch	52/37/r	52/39/r	Needles	60/39/s	59/36/s
Arroyo Grande	57/39/r	59/36/pc	Oakland	54/39/r	54/43/r
Atascadero	53/32/r	57/37/pc	Ontario	58/38/c	63/40/pc
Auburn	47/32/sn	49/38/r	Orange	61/42/c	65/38/pc
Barstow	53/29/c	56/36/pc	Oxnard	59/39/c	62/42/pc
Big Sur	51/38/r	54/46/pc	Palm Springs	61/41/pc	64/41/s
Bishop	43/17/r	50/25/pc	Pasadena	58/41/c	63/45/pc
Blythe	63/37/s	62/37/s	Pomona	58/39/c	64/36/pc
Burbank	58/39/c	64/43/pc	Potter Valley	47/34/r	47/39/r
California City	48/29/c	54/32/pc	Redding	49/39/r	48/34/r
Carpinteria	55/45/c	57/41/pc	Riverside	57/36/c	63/39/pc
Catalina	55/44/c	59/46/pc	Sacramento	51/38/r	51/40/r
Chico	50/35/r	49/40/r	Salinas	54/36/r	58/42/pc
Crescent City	49/42/r	49/41/r	San Bernardino	57/37/c	64/40/pc
Death Valley	63/36/c	63/34/pc	San Diego	59/45/c	64/49/pc
Downey	60/43/c	65/44/pc	San Fernando	55/38/c	60/42/pc
Encinitas	57/46/c	62/44/pc	San Francisco	54/41/r	54/46/r
Escondido	59/39/c	65/41/pc	San Jose	53/39/r	56/44/r
Eureka	49/43/r	52/38/r	San Luis Obispo	57/34/r	59/40/pc
Fort Bragg	50/43/r	51/40/r	San Rafael	52/39/r	52/42/r
Fresno	50/36/r	52/40/pc	Santa Ana	59/41/c	64/44/pc
Gilroy	52/36/r	55/40/pc	Santa Barbara	65/33/c	60/40/pc
Indio	65/38/pc	66/38/s	Santa Cruz	54/39/r	57/45/pc
Irvine	59/41/c	64/44/pc	Santa Monica	61/44/c	64/46/pc
Hollywood	58/42/c	63/45/pc	Santa Rosa	55/36/r	53/39/r
Lake Arrowhead	38/23/c	50/23/pc	S. Lake Tahoe	27/17/sn	35/21/sn
Lodi	51/35/r	53/39/r	Stockton	51/35/r	53/39/r
Lompoc	59/36/r	61/40/pc	Tahoe Valley	27/17/sn	35/21/sn
Long Beach	60/40/c	64/43/pc	Torrance	60/44/c	63/47/pc
Los Angeles	60/43/c	64/46/pc	Vacaville	53/37/r	52/40/r
Mammoth	28/14/sn	39/19/pc	Vallejo	53/41/r	52/41/r
Marysville	50/34/r	51/40/r	Van Nuys	58/38/c	62/42/pc
Modesto	51/36/r	54/40/r	Visalia	49/34/r	56/39/pc
Monrovia	58/40/c	63/44/pc	Willits	45/33/r	45/38/r
Monterey	53/38/r	57/45/pc	Yosemite Valley	41/19/sn	48/26/sn
Morro Bay	53/40/r	57/45/pc	Yreka	37/30/sn	41/28/sn

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Lake Mendocino – Lake level: 734.38 feet; Storage: 63,274 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 624 cfs Outflow: 30 cfs
Air quality – n/a

Snow

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four inches at 2,400 feet. At the top of the county, Laytonville had accumulations of four inches by 8:45 a.m. Tuesday and visibility was down to less than a mile. For Redwood Valley resident Ruby Riepenhoff heavy snow and blowing winds limited visibility.

"I can't even see my driveway," Riepenhoff said Tuesday morning. "We've gotten at least two inches of snow in the last 30 minutes. West Road is completely covered."

Bursts of heavy snow made travel difficult Tuesday morning as both the south- and northbound lanes of Highway 101 experienced brief closures. Accumulations and slick conditions forced the NWS to issue a snow advisory, which was in effect through 7 p.m. Tuesday. Coupled with the blowing winds and sporadic snowfall, wet, messy conditions extended throughout the county, requiring drivers on Highway 175 to have chains on their cars. Other roads throughout the north half of the county also experienced brief clo-

sures with Highway 20 outside of Willits closing and reopening later Tuesday afternoon. According to officials from the California Highway Patrol, most closures on bigger roads were brief, but safety remained a concern.

"The roads are still pretty wet and messy," said Randy England, CHP public affairs officer. "Caltrans has done a good job clearing the roads, but drivers still need to be cautious. Give yourself plenty of time to travel, slow down, make sure you have your chains -- they will be required -- and try to keep a full tank of gas in your vehicle when traveling in this weather."

According to the NWS in Eureka, roadways will continue to remain hazardous throughout much of the day with areas at higher elevations experiencing more short bursts of snow. Temperatures are expected to increase today, moving the snowfall to higher elevations, but more rain from the Gulf of Alaska will keep conditions soggy throughout the week.

"We're looking at this low-level snow to become more intermittent showers over the next four to five days," Ruehl said.

Zack Sampsel can be reached at udjzs@pacific.net.

Schools

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for buses today.

"Today we were absolutely fine," she said. "We had power everywhere and the roads were all passable. Yesterday we had lack of power at one of the schools in Comptche, but nothing that stopped school at all."

Budlong said they try to make the call about whether or not to cancel school as early as possible.

"We've got a plan in place for safety issues and make a decision," she said. "Should school be closed we've got an emergency phone tree. We let the radio station know as soon as possible. Once we have (students at school) it's really hard to send them home again."

Budlong said missed school days either will have to be made up by the district or excused by the state.

"There is a waiver that can be sought from the state based on emergency conditions," she said. "We already applied for one day right after winter break. We were out on the 7th.

Albion was out on the 7th and the 8th. In terms of waivers, there's no makeup day. We've applied for them in the past and we've had no problem getting them."

James Collins, Anderson Valley Unified School District superintendent, said the levelness of the roadways on the district's bus routes helped to keep school open.

"Buses are pretty much in the flats, so we're OK," he said. "We haven't missed any days this year."

Willits and Laytonville Unified School districts were not as lucky as both canceled school for the day.

"The roads were really bad this morning so they decided not to send them out," said a representative for the Laytonville Unified School District. "I'm guessing they made the call around 6:45 a.m."

Willits, on the other hand, didn't cancel classes until around 7:45 a.m. when a few students had already arrived, said a representative for the Willits Unified School District.

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Officials warn of salmon population 'collapse'

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SAN FRANCISCO — The state's largest salmon run is suffering an "unprecedented collapse," part of a broader decline throughout the West that has scientists vexed and will likely trigger severe fishing restrictions, according to federal fishery regulators.

The number of chinook or "king" salmon returning from the Pacific Ocean to spawn in the Sacramento River and its tributaries this past fall dropped 67 percent from a year earlier, according to an internal memo to members of the Pacific Fishery Management Council that was obtained by The Associated Press.

The Central Valley salmon population has fallen by more than 88 percent from its all-time high five years ago, when salmon restoration efforts in the Sacramento watershed were being touted as a wildlife management success story.

But recent years have seen salmon populations steadily dwindle in the Sacramento and many other western rivers, and scientists are trying to understand why.

Some believe it's related to changes in the ocean linked to global warming. Others blame the troubles in California on increased pumping of freshwater from the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta.

In his e-mail to members of the fishery management council, executive director Donald McIsaac offered "an early alert to what at this point appears to be an unprecedented collapse in the abundance of adult California Central Valley ... fall Chinook salmon stocks."

"The magnitude of the low abundance ... is such that the opening of all marine and freshwater fisheries impacting this important salmon stock will be questioned," he said.

Only about 90,000 returning adult salmon were counted in the Central Valley in 2007, the second lowest number on record, the memo said. The population was at 277,000 in 2006 and 804,000 five years ago.

It's only the second time in 35 years that

Salmon at a glance

Associated Press
SALMON COLLAPSE: Central Valley chinook salmon runs reached a near-record low in 2007, down 88 percent from five years ago. Regulators warned of an "unprecedented collapse."

SOMETHING FISHY: Scientists are unsure why wild salmon populations are declining in the Sacramento River and its tributaries. Some suspect it may be related to changes in the ocean linked to global warming, while others blame increased pumping of freshwater from the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta.

COMEBACK REVERSED: Sacramento River chinook were considered a wildlife management success story as recently as 2002, when a record 800,000 fish returned to the Central Valley.

IMPACT AT THE MARKET: The collapse is almost certain to bring severe restrictions on salmon fishing along the West Coast.

the Central Valley has not met the agency's conservation goal of 122,000 to 180,000 returning fish, according to the council, which regulates Pacific Coast fisheries.

More worrisome is that only about 2,000 2-year-old juvenile chinooks returned to the Central Valley last year, by far the lowest number ever counted. On average, about 40,000 juveniles or "jacks" return each year.

The low number of juvenile salmon means this year's runs are likely to be even smaller.

While complete statistics on other key salmon runs won't be available for another two weeks, experts said it looks like a bad year for salmon elsewhere in the West.

Ron Boyce, a salmon program manager

for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, said the Rogue River barely hit its goal of 20,000 fall chinook in 2006 and 2007.

Coastal rivers farther north are in even bigger trouble.

Oregon's Coquille River has seen steadily diminishing returns the past three years, and the Siletz River farther north saw just 500 fish, less than 20 percent of the goal.

"This a large-scale phenomenon affecting chinook stocks and other species coast-wide," Boyce said. "It appears for those northern Oregon coast streams, we will not be able to make escapement goals even without any fishing on them."

It is difficult to point to a cause, but the fact that both hatchery and wild fish are showing low returns points to the ocean and estuaries, where salmon spend most of their lives, said Curt Melcher, deputy director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Last year saw very unusual conditions in the ocean, Boyce said. Southwesterly winds blew all summer, driving warm waters near shore and disrupting the marine food chain.

Some fishermen and environmentalists believe the sharp decline in Central Valley chinook is related to increased water exports from the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta, which supplies drinking water to millions of people in drought-stricken Southern California, as well as irrigation for America's most fertile farming region.

"It's time to reduce pumping of delta waters before we destroy the fish and wildlife species we appreciate so much in California," said Mike Sherwood, an attorney for Oakland-based Earthjustice.

Salmon that spawn in Central Valley rivers form the backbone of the West Coast's commercial and recreational salmon fishery and are caught by fisherman from southern California to British Columbia. More than 90 percent of the wild salmon harvested in California originate in the Sacramento River system, officials say.

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Lawsuit

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"I have handled hundreds of elder abuse cases and never before have I seen a company like Sunwest take a good hard look at itself and willingly come to the table prepared to take responsibility for its actions and to make changes to ensure its residents are given the best possible care it can give them," Garcia said.

Sunwest operates Mountain View Assisted Living in Ukiah and Orchard Park Assisted Living and Memory Care in Clearlake.

No one was available to comment at Orchard Park because the administrator was out sick. At Mountain View, Interim Administrator Judy Bridges said Mountain View was not a part of the suit.

Southwest operates 18 elder care homes in California and 250 nationwide.

Sunwest settled the California suit for \$4.5 million and the Oregon suit for \$1 million. Plaintiffs in the case will receive per diem compensation for time they spent under the care of Sunwest during a set time

frame, Garcia said

In California, that time frame is between Jan. 15, 2003 and Jan. 15, 2007. According to the settlement documents, any money not claimed will be used for facilities and services for their residents.

Sunwest has also agreed to appoint an independent monitor to perform quarterly inspections of Sunwest facilities for a limited period of time.

The monitor will be chosen by Garcia.

"Sunwest Management cares about its residents," said Sunwest attorney Timothy Graves. "After a thorough self-assessment, the company decided that the best way it could demonstrate its concern for each and every resident whose care is entrusted to them was to spend company money in improving residential care, rather than spending the same money on litigation."

"Most of these companies run and hide so they can continue to profit unlawfully from the pain and suffering of our vulnerable elders," Garcia said. "I believe Sunwest is starting a new chapter today."

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